

Using the Whole Armor of God
Part 4 – The Shoes and the Helmet
Ephesians 6:15-17

Introduction:

- A. Satan knows that his time is s_____ (Rev 12:12)
 - 1. Satan realized this when he was forever cast out of h_____ with all his angels and confined to the earth (Rev 12:7-9).
 - 2. The earth is warned about Satan's w_____
 - 3. The object of Satan's wrath is b_____ in Christ (Rev 12:17)
 - 4. Once Jesus comes, Satan will be bound for _____ years, released for one act of deception, then thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:1.2; 7-10)
- B. Satan's strategy
 - 1. To delay the c_____ of Christ
 - 2. To keep Christians from h_____ on the day of the coming of Christ (2Pet 3:12)
 - 3. To slow the progress of the g_____ message from reaching all the people groups of the world (Matt 24:14)/
- C. God's armor that battles against Satan's strategy – the shoes and the helmet.
 - 1. Both have to do with the s_____ of the unbelieving world.
 - 2. Every believer in Christ is important to God's plan of saving the world.
 - 3. Will you fall to Satan's strategy or will you stand against it by being God's instrument of hurrying on Christ's coming?

The Helmet – _____ salvation to the world

- A. The function of the Roman helmet
 - 1. To protect the h_____ (but this is not the function that Paul is referring to)
 - 2. To i_____ the guard as representing the Roman Empire
 - a. The helmet had unique plumage made of horsehair that ran across the t_____ of the helmet.
 - b. The soldier could be easily i_____ from a distance.
- B. Paul notices the guard not having the helmet on, and so commands believers to t_____ the helmet of salvation.

1. The parallel is not what is represented (e.g. Roman Kingdom – Christ’s kingdom)
 2. The parallel is simply that we r_____ something just as the soldier did by the helmet.
 3. Believers are to represent s_____ by being a living testimony of the saving work of Jesus Christ.
- C. Satan’s strategy against this representation is two-fold.
1. To tempt believers to v_____ their relationship to Christ by sinning.
 2. To tempt believers to h_____ their relationship to Christ to prevent shame, to preserve a job or friendship.
- D. Using the helmet of salvation
1. Jn 15:8 – we prove that we are disciples of Christ by bearing m_____ fruit.
 2. Jn 13:35 – the unbelieving world will know that we are disciples of Christ by the l_____ we have for one another.

The Sandals – S_____ salvation across the world

- A. The Roman soldier’s shoe was a low half-_____ with a strong sole and leather straps.
1. A soldier would not r_____ his shoes when entering a house while on duty (everyone else did).
 2. The one chained to Paul may not have had his sandals on to be more comfortable.
- B. Using the sandals.
1. Verse 15a - *put on the sandals in p_____*
 2. Verse 15b – believers must be ready with the g_____ of peace (God brought peace or h_____ between Himself and people through faith in Christ’s death and resurrection for our sins).
 - a. The gospel is God’s p_____ for salvation (Rom 1:16)
 - b. Faith comes by h_____ the gospel (Rom 10:17)
 3. Share the gospel message whenever you have opportunity with those a_____ you (training session will be offered when weather gets better)
 - a. Give a tract
 - b. Challenge them to investigate Jesus (church; Bible)
 - c. Have a conversation about the gospel
 4. C_____ with one another to get the gospel out to the world by giving of your finances.
 5. P_____ for God to raise up missionaries (Lk 10:2)