

Rom 10:12-17

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God

Beautiful Feet

We are told that the average pair of feet take 7,000 to 8,000 steps a day. That's 27 million steps a year, a distance of about one hundred and fifteen thousand miles in a lifetime for the average person. God puts a special value on feet because of their potential for usefulness. God states "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace." (Romans 10:15). God desires the feet of His children to carry them into opportunities of sharing the gospel of His saving grace. Peter states that these opportunities arise when others see the sparkle of God's hope in a believer: "in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15 NIV).

It is important however, to recognize that usefulness in this task, requires those same feet to conform to the principles of God's Word. Psalms states: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."(Psalm 119:105). Before Christians can have beautiful feet, they must have broken feet; broken from the paths of sin and condemning habits. Otherwise the message that is shared has no credibility. The truth that actions (where we go and what we do) speak louder than our words was cited by God long ago: "a worthless person ... winks with his eyes, speaks with his feet and points with his finger" (Proverbs 6:13). Joseph Aldrich in Life-Style Evangelism suggests that the message of the gospel, as a song, must be carried by every Christian on the music of their life; a life in harmony with God. Therefore every child of God must ponder carefully the path of their feet, taking only the firm ground of God's direction.

Ask yourself, "Would Jesus be comfortable walking in my foot steps?" To have an effective testimony, believers must confess with David "I thought on my way and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Christians must declare with David "I have refrained my feet from evil ways, that I might keep thy Word."

Christian friend, are your feet fit to be called beautiful. If they are not, confess your sin now. If they are, make some of those miles count for God ... commit to sharing God's grace today.

What is my response:
