

**Men
With
Beautiful
Feet**

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This topic on men with beautiful feet is a study on the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ and those of His servants. Actually, this topic was originally preached a few months back and more study notes have been added to provide a more comprehensive study on the feet of men. The Holy Bible does talk a lot on the feet of men. The Scripture references are just too numerous to list. The Bible reveals a lot about the nature of the feet of men and how the feet of fallen men have been used by men living in this sin cursed world. The Bible also talks about the feet of animals as well as angels. However, this study here will concern just the feet of fallen men, the saints and most importantly, the feet of the blessed and glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Bible has many interesting and fascinating subjects for the child of God to discover and learn. The Holy Spirit is the greatest Teacher and the child of God can learn much if he will humbly seek the Lord to illuminate spiritual truths to him from the inspired and infallible words of the living God. One such topic is men with beautiful feet. There are two references where a man has beautiful feet. One of them is found in the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament and the other is given in the book of Romans in the New Testament. In fact, the mention of men with beautiful feet in Romans chapter 10 is a direct reference back to this passage in Isaiah 52.

This study on men with beautiful feet opens up a wide spectrum of very interesting information concerning the feet of men in the Scriptures. The nature of the feet of men is examined and the work that can be done by the feet has far reaching ramifications with regards to the status of men and his final destiny. The feet carry the man wherever he goes, and the God of creation intends for man to use his feet in the right way and for the right purpose. Ever since the fall of Adam, fallen men have had their feet crippled by sin. The walk of men cannot be sinless and perfect just like Adam before the fall. Adam could walk with the Lord God without any inhibition in the past, but after he sinned willfully by partaking of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, his feet was turned out of the way. His feet became weak and could not carry him to meet the Lord God when God called out for him in the Garden of Eden. The feet carried him into hiding from God instead. Fallen men need a man with beautiful feet who can stand before God to reconcile them back to the Creator God. Fallen men need a man with beautiful feet to teach them how to walk again on the path of righteousness and in the way of peace.

The man with beautiful feet was first sent to comfort a nation and proclaim the good news of glad tidings. However, beautiful feet are not just the sole possession of one man alone. Many sinners who have met this Son of Man from heaven with beautiful feet can also acquire a pair of such beautiful feet to continue with the work of publishing glad tidings of good things and peace to fallen men in this world. Only men with beautiful feet know how to walk on path that will lead to life and eventually land them in a world of splendour where the streets are paved with gold. Only men with beautiful feet are allowed to walk on the streets of gold in this kingdom where no men with defiled feet can set foot on this glorious country that God prepares for those saints who loved God and obey Him. Hence, men with

beautiful feet have many valuable lessons for the child of God seeking how to use his feet to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.

Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money. For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day is blasphemed. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! (Isaiah 52:1-7)

The children of Israel had a long history of rebellion in their walk with Jehovah God. Their feet were defiled because of their perverse walk in self-righteousness and stubbornness. God expected them to be perfect and to walk in the paths of righteousness for Jehovah's name sake. But they failed miserably in their walk in the ways of righteousness and holiness before Jehovah God. As such from time to time, they were oppressed by their enemies.

However, the context here was referring to their historical past when they were still in Egypt. They were put under the furnace of iron and subjected to cruel bondage. They were at one time even subjected to genocide when Pharaoh feared the children of Israel might become a threat to national security. It was not as simple as detention without trial. It was a policy to wipe out every male child who was born during that time. It was during such a time that Moses was born. Moses was a proper child and he was miraculously delivered from death and brought up in the palace of Pharaoh. The Lord then raised up Moses and sent him to deliver His people, the children of Israel from bondage. Hence, **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!**

When they were living in bondage from their Egyptian captors, they were in desperate need of deliverance from above. Their case was hopeless in the face of a mighty and cruel enemy and they had no leader who would stick out their neck to stand up for them. They were quite content to live their lives as slaves to serve their captors but their bondage became increasingly hard and heavy. They were indeed desperate and they cried out to God. They needed someone to deliver them and assure them that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did reign. They had heard from their fathers how God visited their fathers and promised them a land grant and would raise them up to be a great nation. All hopes of such glorious promises of glory and nationhood and a homeland they could call their own were at most a dimly ray of light still burning on the breasts of these children of Israel. They were accustomed to years of slavery and their only hope was to cry out to the God of their fathers to help them and deliver them from their misery. Indeed the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did hear their pitiful cries and sorrows. So when the children of Israel wished to be delivered from their Egyptian captivity, the Lord raised up a man to lead them out of the land of bondage and death. This man was none other than the lawgiver, Moses. This man Moses was supposed to be the bearer of these glad tidings and good news and publish to the children of Israel peace from Jehovah God. This man Moses was the one who published salvation to the Jews living under oppression from Egyptian tyranny. This man Moses was a man with beautiful feet.

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However, this verse in Isaiah 52 concerning the man with beautiful feet is not actually referring to Moses. This man with beautiful feet is Almighty God Himself who will make known to His people His Almighty name, the name given above every name. He is the One who will truly bring good tidings and publish peace. This glad tidings and peace come from above. Christ came not only to deliver the children of Israel from Roman tyranny but from a much greater bondage, which is the bondage of sins. Christ is the One who proclaims salvation to Israel and to all who will come under the commonwealth of Israel. He is the One who embodies salvation and He is the true and living God who reigns.

On earth the Lord Jesus Christ has beautiful feet and He went about doing good, healing the sick, restoring the sight of the blind, casting out devils and most importantly forgiving the sins of His people by His own atoning death on the cross of Calvary shedding His precious blood for sinners. This pair of beautiful feet trod the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and touching many lives and delivering them from darkness into the marvelous light of Almighty God. This pair of beautiful feet of the Lord has a natural attraction for sinners to be delivered from bondage of sins. Wherever this pair of beautiful feet went, they attracted large crowds much to the envy of the religious but powerless leaders of the day. It could not be helped but these feet commanded the crowd and many came to hear what this divine Visitor had to tell them about their poor and needy state. Ever since this pair of beautiful feet came to earth to seek out to save the lost sons of Adam, many sinners saved by grace have been following the footsteps of this pair of beautiful feet.

In heaven, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ has feet like unto fine brass waiting to mete out judgment on earth and sinners who reject Him: **And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. (Revelation 1:15)** The beautiful feet of this lowly Galilean on earth will have His feet turned into feet of terror trampling His enemies under His feet: **And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and**

wrath of Almighty God. (Revelation 19:15) The beautiful feet of the Lord will one day be stained with the blood of His enemies who rejected Him and made war with Him. The feet like unto fine brass is burning with rage to execute vengeance on all those who rejected His mercy and grace and persecuted the saints of the Most High.

Prophetically the feet of fallen men is also a kingdom waiting to be destroyed at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Kingdoms of man resemble that of a man beginning with the head and ending at his feet. The kingdom of the feet is the day in which we are living. These kingdoms were revealed in the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar.

But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly

strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure. (Daniel 2:28-45)

Here we have a prophesy of the entire development of kingdoms of fallen man from the head of gold to the feet of clay. The Lord gives the complete picture of the kingdoms of men with direct connection with the redemptive plan for fallen men. This is a general representation of the kingdoms of men from the image of a man. It shows a degeneration of the power and stature of the kingdoms of men. It is during the last days that the kingdom of the feet that will be dealt with. This day will come during the last days where the feet of this kingdom of fallen men will be destroyed by the coming Stone made without hands, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence (Romans 9:33, 1 Corinthians 10:4, 1 Peter 2:8). This Rock is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes, indeed Christ has beautiful feet and He has come to bring glad tidings and published peace. However, His beautiful feet is now like unto fine brass as they were burned in a furnace of fire raging mad with vengeance waiting to be unleashed on the kingdom of the feet of men. The once beautiful feet of the Lord now clothed with unsurpassed beauty like unto fine brass will trample the kingdom of the feet of men made of iron and clay. Iron and clay of darkness and ugliness will be a thing of the past. Fine brass of judgment will be ushered in to bring in the everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness on earth fallen men have longed for for such a long time. Hence, the kingdom of the feet of men will be trampled under foot by the beautiful feet once trodden the earth to publish glad tidings of good and peace.

The Scriptures talk a lot about the feet of man. The feet of a man determine what kind of man he really is. The Scriptures make constant contrast between the feet of a good man and an evil man. The Lord condemned the children of Israel during their time of apostasy for having feet that were used for the wrong purpose. **Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts. (Isaiah 3:16&17)** Are the human feet designed to walk that way? This abuse and misuse of the feet came with a curse from the Lord. Maybe Michael Jackson learned it from the rebellious Jews when he danced to the beat of Billy Jean when he **walked with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as he goes, and making a tinkling with his feet.** Those who love immoral dancing can safely be categorized to be with such awkward movements of the feet. Solomon told us: **Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. (Ecclesiastes 7:29)** The feet are designed to enable men to walk uprightly but sinners allowed their feet to become perverse and be turned out of the way. These evil feet were carrying a sickening body with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes. They can no longer walk straight and properly as they are supposed to. This is the walk of a deformed person. He is abnormal or subnormal. Unfortunately, some think that such a monstrous man is cute.

The Lord also revealed the feet of the wicked in Isaiah 59:7: **Their feet run to evil, and they make hast to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.** So there are people whose feet are quick to run to evil. They are ever eager to shed innocent blood. Their feet walk in the paths of destruction. This is indeed a great contrast from the man with beautiful feet and their objectives are beyond compare. Fallen men are prone to use their feet for evil. The nature of the feet of fallen men is to run into mischief and create strife. Since it is natural for the feet of fallen men to get into trouble, the feet of fallen men requires healing from above in order to become beautiful again.

Because fallen men are so used to their defiled and dirty feet, they do not realize that their feet are causing them trouble. They have been walking like a handicap and they do not know it. They are so accustomed to the

condition they are born with and they simply accept their feet as they are thinking that they are normal. This is understandable as everyone is also having a pair of defiled feet stained with sins. Fallen men need someone with beautiful feet to show them the difference so that they will know they need help. Only those with beautiful feet can help restore those with natural defiled feet to become beautiful like those blood-washed feet of the saints.

Are you the recipient of His glad tidings and have you made peace with God the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ? If you have been a recipient of God's grace and mercy and have obtained salvation published by Christ, then you must be careful how you treat your feet. I do not mean you go for foot reflexology therapy to strengthen and relax your feet. I do not mean you paint your toenails to beautify your feet. I mean where you will allow your feet to go when you have been washed by the precious blood of the Lord. If you are a blood-washed child of God, you will be careful to keep your feet beautiful and will not allow it to be defiled. For the Lord is Holy and He is very particular about the feet of His people. The first thing God looks at is the feet of man. He told Moses to remove his shoes when he approached Jehovah God. **And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. (Exodus 3:5)**

Are you standing on holy ground before the Lord this day? Are you walking on holy paths with clean feet or dirty feet? The Lord also told Joshua to loose his shoes when he stood before the Lord on holy ground. **And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so. (Joshua 5:15)**

Almighty God does not allow any man's shoe to dirty His holy ground. He wants to see beautiful feet revealed from the saints who have walked with God. Folks, one day we shall walk on streets of gold. Be careful where you allow your feet to walk for you are walking before the thrice holy God. If you are destined to be worthy citizens of the city of that pearly white gates and the streets of pure gold, then do not allow your feet to be defiled by the places you go and by the things you do, spiritually speaking. We are to walk in the path of righteousness so be sure you take care of your feet because the Lord has already delivered you like what the psalmist said: **But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (Psalms 73:2; 40:2)** God will deliver those whose feet are caught in the miry clay of the horrible pit. God expects these delivered saints to clean their feet and not to defile their feet in the miry clay again.

You have now set your feet upon that Rock which is Christ so keep your feet clean if your faith is standing on this blessed Rock of Ages. The

Lord has promised to keep you from falling and establish the way before you according to the experience of the psalmist. **For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living? For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. (Psalms 56:13; 116:68; 66:9)** The falling feet of the saints will be delivered to enable them to stand on the solid Rock of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is on this Rock, which is Christ, all saints must stand.

In fact, Christians cannot fall because Christians are promised the words of the living God to guide their path like what the psalmist said: **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105)** The words of the living God are definitely the most important light to guide the feet of the child of God. Without the light from the words of God, there is no hope of seeing the path the child of God should walk. For this world is darkened by sins and sinners cannot find the way to life. However, Christians must also be resolved not to allow their feet to turn out of the way. The psalmist also showed us his determination on this matter when he wrote: **I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. (Psalm 119:59)** Should we not think on our ways and turn our feet unto the testimony of Christ? If Christians do not spend time thinking about the condition of their feet and the places they would allow their feet to go, they will get their feet defiled walking in this sin cursed world. Christians should always be thinking about their ways and turn their feet unto the testimony of Christ.

The psalmist continues: **I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. (Psalm 119:101)** Should not we refrain our feet from every evil way so that we might keep God's words? Are we already walking like the psalmist? Are we taking care of our feet hopefully we might have beautiful feet to bring glad tidings of the gospel of Christ and publish peace to those around us? A dedicated Christian will put in effort to refrain his feet from every evil way so that he might keep God's word. So thinking on his ways is required if a child of God is successful in refraining his feet from every evil way. Otherwise, he will walk in carelessness and his feet will become defiled.

In contrast, the feet of evil workers are very different. For we are told: **For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. (Proverb 1:16)** Their feet cannot stay still but run to evil and are ever eager to shed blood. So Christians better be careful whether their feet resemble those who are beautiful or those that are ugly and evil. We are commanded: **Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. (Proverb 4:26)** This is a commandment to keep us in the way of God's step. Pondering requires a child of God to stop and evaluate the path he is walking on. He has to ascertain whether the path is the path of holiness or worldliness. He has to make sure he is on the right path and not on the path that leads to destruction. If not, he will fall prey to the wicked woman and cause much damage to his soul and those around him like what Solomon warned: **For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell. (Proverbs 5:3-5)** There is exceedingly great danger for those who like to flirt with folly and sensuous iniquity.

Feet Can Speak

The Bible reveals that feet can indeed speak. For we are told: **He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. (Proverb 6:13&14)**

What do the feet speak about? They speak about the person's walk. They speak about the places he allows himself to walk to. They speak about the kind of convictions he has on the standards of holiness he adopts. They speak about what he believes to be true for him and safe for him to walk in. They speak about the kind of person he really is. The feet reveal the conditions of a man's heart. Is it good to have feet found walking out of a brothel? Is it good to have feet found walking out of a nightclub or a bar? Is it good to have feet found dancing on the bar top revealing their rear ends? Is it good to have feet found walking out of a casino?

Feet Can Run to Mischief

The Bible also shows that the feet of evil workers have a heart that devises wicked imagination. For we are told: **An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false**

witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren. (Proverbs 6:18&19)

So man with mischievous feet has a heart that devises wicked imagination. He has feet that are swift in running to mischief. Such evil workers have feet that are swift but definitely not beautiful. They have mischief tattooed all over such evil and ugly feet set out to cause trouble. Because such mischievous feet are swift and therefore they are very dangerous. The chances of being overtaken and caught by such evil feet are very real. We better ponder the path of our feet lest we be found to be running to mischief because of an evil heart of unbelief in God's word.

Feet Can Be Hasty

The Bible teaches that evil workers have hasty feet: **Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth. (Proverb 19:2)**

Those who are always hasty and impatient better take heed to what kind of feet they have. A hasty pair of feet is ever ready to sin. Sin is at the door of those who are always hasty waiting and calling out to these hasty feet to come forth and sin. Hasty feet and sin make good companions. They partner each other in mischief and cause strife. Better train your feet to be still to know that the Lord is the true and living God. To Almighty God a day is as a thousand years. There is no point in rushing and running before the Lord. Such hasty feet will surely, sooner or later, run into trouble. Sin is no respecter of feet. Sin loves to welcome hasty feet into her elite club of privileged members who will run in waywardness and wickedness.

Feet Can Be Caught By the Net of Flattery

The Bible warns that flatterers are dangerous for there is a snarl at the end of that flattery that will cause our feet to be caught. **A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet. (Proverb 29:5)**

The feet are very important members of our body because they keep us from falling. Those who flatter others are actually spreading a net for his neighbour's feet. They may or may not be knowingly causing harm to their neighbour by flattering him. Flatteries are dangerous because they are like a net and the feet of men can be taken in an evil way. The feet cannot see such

nets that are spread in the way by flatteries. Flatteries are invisible nets and such devices are often employed by evil men to cause the righteous to fall. Because the nature of such nets is cast in stealth, many feet, especially hasty feet, are easily caught and the damage done is unimaginable.

What are our feet designed for? The Lord came to show us how we should use our feet and where we should walk. For the Lord came: **To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:79)** The purpose of the coming of the Lord is to guide the feet of sinners into the way of peace. Ever since Adam and Eve walked to the path of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and partook of its cursed fruit, the feet of men have become unstable. They become drunk with the poison of sin and they have trouble walking straight in the paths of the commandments of God. So the blessed Son of God must come to earth and teach fallen men how to walk properly and correctly again. The first Adam had his feet turned out of the way. They must learn from this last Adam how to use their feet to walk in ways that please God. For men are designed to walk with their feet and not crawl on the ground like a serpent. Men are supposed to walk uprightly on their feet to breath the fresh air of God's grace, mercy and truth and not crawl on all fours to lick the dust of worldliness, wantonness and woe.

So Christ must come to teach fallen men how to walk without the crutches of sin. If they walk in this light from the Lord Jesus Christ and walk in the way of peace, they will meet the Prince of Peace and be justified by faith through the Lord Jesus Christ and become reconciled with God. Such a blessed man will have peace with God by walking in the way of peace. God's words are a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. With God's inspired and infallible words hidden in us, we can never fall. The purpose of the feet for men would thus be restored for the proper use to glorify the God of Creation.

Because Christ is the initiator of the glad tidings and publisher of peace with beautiful feet, we likewise are supposed to follow Him in this endeavour. Paul tells us: **And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (Romans 10:15)**

Those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things have beautiful feet. The person with beautiful feet is now not restricted to the Lord alone according in Isaiah 52. It is now made available to all who will acquire this set of beautiful feet through the preaching of the gospel of peace. For the personal pronoun has been changed from “him” in Isaiah 52 to “them” in Romans 10. An invitation is sent out to the redeemed of the Lord to acquire beautiful feet. This call to have clean and beautiful feet is a privilege reserved for all saints and not to some privilege members from the society of saints.

What kind of feet are you having this day? Are you preaching the gospel of peace in anyway, form or shape? Sometimes, this preaching of the gospel is not appreciated. We use our feet to bring glad tidings and find ourselves rejected. Then we are supposed to wipe the dust from our feet and move on like the apostle Paul. **But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. (Acts 13:51)**

In preaching the gospel of Christ, we are to prepare ourselves, especially with our feet. We cannot expect others to believe our gospel of peace if we do not have beautiful feet. We cannot expect the gospel message of salvation to be effectual if our feet are defiled by sins and the dust of worldliness. Preparation of the feet is required and is paramount if there is any measure of success to be expected from this endeavour of bringing glad tidings to this sin cursed world. Paul’s instruction is found in Ephesians 6:15&16: **And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.** If our feet are not shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, then we cannot hope to have beautiful feet. Preparation of the gospel of peace requires faith, love and much patience. Because hasty feet only lead to sin and trouble as well as regrets. Unstable feet are the result of a double-minded man with one foot in the world and one foot in the church. He is torn between two lovers living like a fool. He is crippled for life spiritually speaking until he finds his feet in the right place again. Beautiful feet and the gospel of peace go together. Unlike

hasty feet and sin are natural partners in mischief and unrighteousness seeking to create strife and trouble, beautiful feet and the gospel of peace are natural companions seeking to publish glad tidings of peace and of good things to this fallen world.

How can a Christian get his feet in the right place? **And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. (Hebrews 12:13)** The only solution is to make our paths straight. The paths of the righteous are paths that are straight. There will be many obstructions and obstacles in the way to prevent those with beautiful feet to walk in straight paths of righteousness. Therefore, much effort will be required to clear all these obstacles of besetting sins so that the feet will remain beautiful walking in paths that are straight. The lame feet having tripped over and fallen by the obstacles of sins must not remain injured forever. They must be healed. Conscious effort must be applied to make the paths straight for the feet to walk again. Otherwise, the lame feet will be turned out of the way. Healing of the lame feet is not impossible or difficult. All the first aid kits to heal the injured feet are available from Scriptures. When there is a Scriptural commandment to heal the fallen feet, there will be provision of healing for the feet to be restored. For the Lord promised: **Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalm 16:11)** The path of life will be shown to the child of God and the words of the living God will guide him in paths that are straight to keep him in the way of peace.

On the other hand, the paths of the wicked are crooked and the end of those paths is snarls and death like what Job said: **They mar my path, they set forward my calamity, they have no helper. (Job 30:13)** So hear the instruction from the words of the living God this day. Make your path straight. Let the feet be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. The instructions on how to walk with our feet and where we should walk are clearly given.

My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (Proverbs 1:15; 4:14&18)

There are certain paths in this life that a child of God are commanded not to walk in. Some people are walking in paths of wickedness and the child of God must not walk with him in such evil paths. They are not to enter into the path of wicked man and go on in the way of this evil man. The feet of the child of God must refrain from walking on such paths. He must restrain his feet and cause his feet to walk on straight path. He must not

allow his feet to be defiled for his feet is supposed to be beautiful walking on holy paths ordained from heaven. The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. How can it not be when the streets of pure gold in heaven must be resplendent in glory in the holy presence of Almighty God. It is in this direction the child of God should be found walking and this path must lead to the shining light of that celestial city of pure gold. The shining light must be blinding to the sinful eyes of sinners and they cannot walk on such a path until he comes to know the Lord Jesus Christ through those with beautiful feet preaching glad tidings of peace to them. The perfect day for the saints is a present reality. These saints with beautiful feet are worthy to walk in the shining light of this eternal bliss promised to them.

In the past, Moses' face shone because of his exposure with the Lord and His ways. Now the feet of the saints shine as they are exposed to the commandments of God walking in the path of righteousness. The path of the just indeed will shine more and more even as this path leads to the third heaven of a permanent bliss and blessing for the saints who eventually use their beautiful feet to walk with the Lord all the way to their final place of rest and rewards. Is this the path you are traveling on? Is your path shining more and more unto the perfect day as you walk with clean and beautiful feet?

Some might lament that their feet have been injured and are now turned out of the way. They are hopping and crawling along in uncertainties and their feet are defiled by sins, sorrows and shame. They can no longer walk properly and they have lost their way and no longer walk in the straight path of righteousness and holiness. Some might contemplate giving up this walk because their feet they perceive to be too deformed and defiled to be of any good. They live in spiritual poverty and they beg in the street of vanity hoping that those passing through Vanity Fair might spare them their dose of worldly addiction to relieve their urge for lust. They no longer live in spiritual reality. They became a byword of the world for how can such children of God having claimed their God to be the true and living God exist in such pathetic state. Sins and worldliness are addictive. Such horrible maladies are real and nasty. There is no relief other than from the words of the living God and faith in God's promise of deliverance. Unbelief is the greatest sin in not wanting deliverance for the lame feet now are accustomed to being handicapped. However, there is healing of the feet if the fallen child of God would ask the Lord to help him. **Teach me thy way, O LORD, and**

lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. (Psalms 27:11; 119:35)

The injured feet need to learn to walk again like a stroke patient recovering from a stroke. This was the psalmist plea and the psalmist who had had feet turned out of the way walking on adulterous path and in murderous way. If there is deliverance for the psalmist, then there is hope for all. If there is earnest plea to delight in the path of God's commandment, God will certainly cause the child of God to walk in such a path. The Lord will actively monitor the way this child of God is walking. **The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. (Isaiah 26:7)** The Lord is most upright and He will ensure that the child of God is walking in upright way. For it cannot be the nature of God to abandon this child when he desires to walk in the path of righteousness. God will certainly watch over him and cause him to walk in the path of the just that will shine more and more from the light of eternal rewards unto that perfect day.

Do it this day, lest our lame feet be turned out of the way. Let it be healed if we are not already walking in the path of righteousness. The feet of the saints are supposed to walk in the path of righteousness. Many saints had gone on and these paths are already clearly marked. The apostle Paul who walked on such paths exhorted Christians to follow him to walk on this same path that shines more and more unto the perfect day. The perfect day is now a reality for Paul. It is now Christians' duty to follow him in this walk of faith. **Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. (1 Corinthians 4:16)** Christians cannot follow the Lord like Paul if they have lame feet. They cannot catch up with spiritual truths. **Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)** Christians cannot be followers of Paul to walk on righteous paths if they have ugly feet. Christians are supposed to be walking on holy ground.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. (Ephesians 5:1) Christ has beautiful feet, so Christians should likewise keep their feet clean. Those who have spiritually ugly feet cannot follow the Lord. They must first be healed and cleaned. Those with beautiful feet are to be

followers of God as dear children and walk in love. Those who wish to return a little measure of their love to this Saviour must walk in love.

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (Philippians 3:17) Christians are to mark those who have beautiful feet and follow them even as they follow the Lord. Christians are not to follow those who have ugly feet that lead to drunkenness, worldliness and sin. Christians are commanded to do some marking here. Is it possible to be followers of Christ?

And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. (1 Thessalonians 1:6&7) The Christians in Thessalonica did it. They succeeded not only in becoming followers of Paul and other saints, they were examples to others Christians as well. **For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: (1 Thessalonians 2:14)** They were indeed successful in being followers of Christ. Their walk was no doubt commendable. They walked with beautiful feet as saints walking all the way to their celestial home above and not with defiled ugly feet on a tour to the bottomless pit. Walking on the path that shines more and more requires effort and not for the slothful. Slothful feet are prone to be unclean and a commandment is given to saints to keep their feet clean by being diligent. **That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Hebrews 6:12)** So here is another commandment for those who are supposed to have beautiful feet to walk in the ways of the saints. Those who were successful through faith and patience had inherited the promises of God. Faith and patient will keep those with beautiful feet to walk in straight paths of righteousness that shines more and more unto that perfect day. There is no fear in such a walk to that beautiful celestial shore of the redeemed of the Lord. **And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? (1 Peter 3:13)**

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (John 13:1-15)

Keeping the feet clean and beautiful was a concern for the Lord Jesus Christ before He was to be crucified. The importance of washing and cleaning one another's feet cannot be underemphasized. This is one of those acts of the Lord before He went to the cross to be crucified and as such, the lesson learned is of great importance concerning the feet of the saints. While washing of feet was a tradition in those days, the spiritual application is of far reaching consequence and the child of God should do well to learn and obey the admonition given by the Lord on what He did that day with His disciples. For the Lord said: **For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. (John 13:15)** This example of the physical act of washing the saints' feet though not practised literally in our days, the spiritual lessons must be learned and Christians must obey the admonition here if they are to have beautiful feet.

Washing someone's feet is a lowly task normally reserved for servants to perform. Feet that have traveled down the dust of this world are naturally defiled and dirtied and washing and cleaning are certainly needful for the feet to become clean and fresh again to enter the house. If the host is hospitable, he will ensure that the feet of his guests are washed before they enter his house. The host wants the feet of the guest to be clean and fresh to enjoy warm fellowship in his home. The host will be uncomfortable if guests have dirty feet walking around in his house and whose feet will dirty his house as well. It is common courtesy to wash the feet of guests during those days. Clean and beautiful feet are needful for joyous fellowship and defiled and dirty feet are not compatible with those whose feet are clean. The stark difference between the clean and beautiful feet and the defiled and dirty feet is an embarrassment to behold. Hence washing of feet is required for close fellowship and worship.

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. (Luke 7:36-38)

The Lord Jesus Christ naturally has beautiful feet. His feet are very attractive to sinners and contrite sinners have no problem bowing down to wash, touch, anoint and kiss His beautiful feet. What privilege it is to have a touch of the feet of this divine Being who is so kind, loving and glorious! What more to wash and anoint this feet that walk all the way down from the throne of glory in that beautiful land of the redeemed to this sin cursed world to show and teach sinners how to use their feet to walk on the straight path that will lead them to eternal life! For the feet of sinners have been turned out of the way and deformed by the effect of sins and they can no longer find the strait and narrow way that leads to life. Defiled and deformed feet of fallen men are walking in the broad way of misery and death. So when this pair of beautiful feet from heaven shows up on earth, those who can recognize this peculiar treasure will definitely bring along the costliest ointment of love to anoint this feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. The beauty of the feet of the Lord is beyond compare. Those who want their dirty and defiled feet to become beautiful must go to this divine Visitor to get their feet cleaned. For the Lord did wash His disciples' feet, He will not turn

away those who will come to Him with their ugly and dirty feet. This benevolent God with beautiful feet came to earth to published glad tidings of good things and peace. No wonder His feet are so attractive and countless sinners have come to admire His beautiful feet and have been transformed by His grace to become saints with feet just like His.

Washing the feet of strangers requires humility. Washing of feet is not a glamorous job. Such lowly task is not enthusiastically embraced by the rich and powerful. This task of washing strangers' feet is delegated to servants. The Lord Jesus Christ condescended Himself to be the Servant to wash His disciples' feet. He is the Lord and yet He is willing to serve as a servant. His disciples are likewise exhorted to follow His examples in washing one another's feet. The Lord does not want His servants to have unclean and dirty feet. The Lord would not mind personally washing and cleaning His disciples' feet. Those who want to walk with the Lord and to have fellowship with Christ and to worship Him are expected to have clean feet. The responsibility of keeping the feet clean is given to Christians to help wash one another's feet. Christians must be humble enough to bear the stench of those whose feet have been defiled to wash and clean his feet so that he might be restored to his beautiful feet to have fellowship and worship in the presence of the Lord. This is an act of love and selflessness willing to help one another to keep the feet clean and beautiful for the Lord.

Saints are given clean and beautiful feet when they get saved. The Lord Jesus Christ raises up this sinner from the miry clay of sin and set his feet upon the Rock of Ages. It is not proper to have dirty feet to stand on Christ, the solid Rock. Those standing by faith in Christ have beautiful feet. Maintaining the feet clean and beautiful is a personal responsibility. Getting the feet dirtied from time to time walking in this world of sin and death is inevitable and that is why the feet must be washed and cleaned every now and then. Saints are also given this responsibility to watch out for one another's feet and help to wash and clean other's feet when necessary. Those who have being washed by the precious blood of Christ need only to get their feet washed from time to time and not the whole body. It is the feet that are in contact with the ground that is cursed and the resultant defilement of the feet must be washed and cleaned in order to have perfect fellowship with the Lord and with one another. The saints' feet are supposed to be beautiful and this constant maintenance is necessary and this attitude must be consciously cultivated. The saints' feet will one day walk on that street of pure gold and it is good practice to learn to keep the feet clean to be worthy

to set foot on that celestial land whose paths are shining forever more in the presence of this glorious God of salvation.

Who are you following with your feet this day? What kind of feet do you have? Are you taking good care of your spiritual feet? The Lord washed the disciples' feet. The disciples were told to wash one another's feet. This is an act of humility and charity. If you see someone with dirty feet, would you help to clean his feet? Have you been washing one another's feet? If you are washing one another's feet, you encourage others to walk in the path of righteousness. I would rather someone clean my feet thoroughly and do a good job. I would not want someone to do a lousy job because his own feet are not clean as he has a low standard of holiness and he wants my feet to look like his. We are to help one another to keep our feet clean so that we might serve our thrice holy God.

May the Lord help us to keep our feet clean in His service. May our Lord help us to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. May we truly long to have beautiful feet like those who went before us publishing glad tidings and the gospel of peace. We should remember that we are walking on holy ground in the strait and narrow way. The path of the just is supposed to be shining more and more unto that perfect day. If our paths are not shining with celestial glory like promise, maybe we are walking in the path of glitter in this sinful world. We might mistake the shine from this colourful world as the glorious shine from above. We should examine our feet whether they are still clean. We should check to see whether the path we are walking in is the straight path of righteousness and the strait and narrow way that leads to life. The beautiful feet of the Lord Jesus Christ should be set constantly before us if we are following after His footsteps.

Truly: **How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!** So let us keep our feet clean and beautiful for our Lord.

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