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Speaker for our Gospel Meeting**

GREAT START TO OUR MEETING!

“Come and See...!”

*Continues Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.*

Opportunity

“Let’s not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let’s do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

Galatians 6:9-10

October Birthdays

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Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

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*“Trust in the Lord with all
your heart and do not lean on
your own understanding.”*

Proverb 3:5

- *“Fight the good fight”*
- *“Keep the faith”*
- *“Finish the course”*



Beautiful Feet

By Dan Jenkins

“I will never forget the first time I saw him. It was love at first sight. He had the most beautiful smile I had ever seen, and then when I looked into his eyes—they were beyond beautiful.” Words like this are sometimes part of conversations in our land, but one thing you will never hear. “He had the most beautiful feet I have ever seen. I was captivated by their beauty.” Now as strange as it might seem, the Bible does talk about beautiful feet.

God’s plan was for His people to take His message to a lost world. How did He look at it? *“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 the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things'" (Romans 10:14-15)! There it is. Those who bring the gospel to the lost have beautiful feet.

What makes their feet beautiful? It begins long before they walk to conduct their study with a lost person. When God described the armor Christian soldiers must put on, He did not forget their feet (Ephesians 6:13-18). He has on his head a helmet of salvation. His upper body has a breastplate of righteousness. His midsection is wrapped with the truth of God. His hand has that shield of faith to withstand every fiery projectile thrown at him by Satan. He also holds the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. However, there is one other item he must have. He must enclose his feet with *"the preparation of the gospel of peace."*

That gospel of peace was completely prepared by God as He established the church, but we must ensure that we place it on our feet. Teaching others demands hours of preparing ourselves. It demands prayer and long periods of study of God's word. However, God expects all of us to feed on the milk of the word, then go on to feasting on the meat of the word and then to become teachers of others (Hebrews 5:12-14).

Having done this, we take that *"gospel of peace"* to a troubled world. It brings peace between those who were captivated by sin, enemies of God, and makes them children of God. It brings to their hearts a peace which passes all understanding.

It also brings *"glad tidings of good things."* Is this not the definition of the gospel? The Greek word for gospel literally means good news. We take this good news to them, and it brings gladness to their souls. It brings gladness to our soul for there is no joy greater than bringing a lost person to Him. So, take time to look at our feet. They may appear hideous to us, but the heart of that lost one will say, ***"How beautiful are the feet of those brought me the gospel of peace, glad tidings of good things!"***

Chance or Opportunity?

By Joe Slater

Does God give us chances, or does He provide opportunities? We sometimes treat those words as synonyms, but their meanings are quite different! Chance indicates something random, uncertain, even accidental – a roll of the dice, as it were. We have no way to influence the outcome.

Opportunity, by contrast, implies that we play a role in choosing a course of action. We may choose wisely or foolishly, but it remains our choice. It is neither random nor accidental.

Some things do, indeed, happen by chance. Solomon wrote by inspiration, *"Time and chance happen to them all"* (Ecclesiastes 9:11). Sometimes our plans don't work out no matter what we do. We didn't plan to become ill or be laid off from work, but it happened. Such is life.

But not everything is subject to chance. God can and does provide opportunities. Paul urged the Galatians to *"do good to all"* as they had opportunity (Galatians 6:10). He understood when material support from the church at Philippi was delayed: *"You surely did care, but you lacked opportunity"* (Philippians 4:10).

Our salvation depends not on chance, but on how we use the opportunity God has provided in Christ. Acts 14:27 refers to it as God opening *"the door of faith."* As one chooses whether to walk through an open door, so we choose whether to trust Jesus and obey His gospel. This is neither random nor accidental.

Our eternal destiny depends not on chance, but on what we choose to do with the opportunities God has given us.

May God continue to bless us all.