**EPHESIANS: Other Aspects of the Gospel**

1. Ephesians 1:13-14 🡒 13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the **gospel** of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
2. Ephesians 3:4-7 🡒 4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. 6This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the **gospel**. 7Of this **gospel** I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.
3. Ephesians 6:14-20 🡒 14Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the **gospel** of peace. 16In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the **gospel**, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

**Effects of the Gospel:**

1. Paul is looking back to the time when his hearers first trusted Christ: they had both “heard” and “believed” the Gospel. What do the words “sealed” and “guarantee” imply about their salvation?
2. Webster defines *mystery* in the theological sense as “any religious truth known to man *only* through divine revelation.” What is the mystery that God revealed to Paul? (See verse 6.)

What do you think is meant by the statement that Gentile believers are “partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus”?

1. Why do you think Paul chose *shoes* as a symbol for readiness? When might *not* having the right shoes be a hindrance to someone?

The Holman Christian Standard Bible renders verse 15 this way: *“…and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.”* What light does this wording throw on the meaning of this verse?