

Beautiful Feet

Wealthy and famous people are sometimes referred to as *beautiful people*. The label speaks not only of their pulchritude but also of their lifestyle and notoriety. *But, in reality, the most beautiful people in the world are those who share God's good news.* They are beautiful from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet. *Especially* their feet.

You may not have a beautiful face or beautiful eyes or a beautiful mouth or beautiful hands. And your mortal feet may not be beautiful. We are not all physically beautiful, but there is a way we can all become beautiful. Even our feet can be beautiful. It is a beauty that comes from carrying God's glad tidings to other people.

God says: "*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!*" (Isaiah 52:7). But why "*...on the mountains...*"?

Not prophetically but practically speaking, it may be because proclaiming the gospel is not always "a mountaintop experience"; we will have our ups and downs. Sometimes we'll be down in the valley. It can be dangerous. Wild animals are lurking around. The trail is not straight or smooth. The terrain can be rough on sandaled feet. An old gospel song says, "It's not an easy road..."

Moreover, the messenger does not beautify the message; rather, the message beautifies the messenger, because the message is inherently beautiful.

- You, the messenger, are beautiful because you are sharing the best news this world has ever heard. *Evangel* means *glad tidings*, so the announcer of this good news is an *evangel-ist*.
- And you are beautiful because you are proclaiming God's *peace*.
- You are also beautiful because you are proclaiming glad tidings of *great joy*.
- You are beautiful because you are ministering God's *comfort* to hurting people.
- And, you are beautiful because you are a sharer of *salvation*, an advertiser of the Kingdom of God and of Heaven.

The truth of the message beautifies the messenger, because incarnate Truth is beautiful – because the Lord himself is beautiful. "He is altogether lovely."

He is the essence of beauty. And he is the source of all true beauty.

In his time, he made all things beautiful. And, in his time, he will make his Bride (The Church) beautiful, glorious – without spot or wrinkle. The day will soon come when you and I will see our Lord in all his beauty and he will see us in all of our beauty.

In the meantime, keep those beautiful feet moving. ◇◇◇