

Pastor Brian's  
Mid Week Message  
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**HAPPY FEET?**

*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7*

In ancient times there were no cellphones for talk and text messaging, or computers to send email...no Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. There were no postal service or telegraph wires or offices either. Communication over any distance was a difficult and painfully slow process. Couriers were needed to carry important messages, and often runners were sent back home with important news from battles that were fought far away. Watchmen would be posted on the city walls looking for these messengers to appear on the horizon, often coming over distant mountain ridges. When the news was not good these runners would typically plod along, not looking forward to relaying the message that they were burdened with delivering. But if there was good news our marathon men would have a certain spring in their step that alerted the sentries atop the ramparts that victory had been achieved..."good news!". Isaiah uses this familiar reference in his time to speak of a victory that was to come; the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ over the forces of sin, death and the devil. The Christ came down from heaven to a far away place, invading the earth to make war on the enemies of God. His perfectly obedient life and sacrificial death for the atonement of all sin proved victorious in this battle, and peace for us has been established forever in Him through the resurrection. Now we are the ones who bear that message; who bring the good news, publish peace...good news of happiness and publishing of salvation. We say to the world, "Our God reigns." Our task as Christians is not to win the battle; that's already been done by our Lord Jesus, no our job is that of the runner carrying the good news (the Gospel) of victory back to the people. Now, I have to admit, I have really ugly feet. A close inspection would prove rather disgusting, and the aroma is often not so pleasant either. But from a distance, like out on the mountains that Isaiah speaks of, they would look pretty good. As a pastor I have the wonderful commission of bringing good news (the Gospel) in a very public way to as many people as I can. We all, as the priesthood of believers, have the same commission in a more personal way; to those who frequent the circles around us. Bearing the good news of Jesus and His victory over sin, death and the devil for us should give us happy feet and a noticeable spring in our step that testifies to our joy in Christ and optimism for our eternal future with Him. The Church; OUR church, is the collection of the most beautiful feet on the planet, feet that can't wait to deliver the most important and best news in the history of the world...that "Our God reigns" in Jesus Christ our Lord.