

THE ARMOR OF GOD SERIES (#8)
THE SHIELD OF FAITH
Ephesians 6:16

TO LIVE IN SPIRITUAL VICTORY WE MUST:

1. Prepare ourselves with the Belt of Truth. (14a)
2. Protect our thinking/emotions with righteousness. (14b)
3. Stand in the preparation of our peace with God. (15)
4. Carry the Shield of Faith. (16)

I. DESCRIBING THE ROMAN SHIELD

1. This shield is (Gr = *thureon*); a covered large plank.
2. Soldiers stood close together to make a wall of defense.
3. Double protection for the battle (having -vs- taking up):
 - Having: Believers need to keep them on all the time!
 - Taking up: When battle gets close...we take up the extra protection (i.e., helmet, sword, shield). (Col 3:3; John 10:29)

II. AN ADDED PROTECTION FOR A CHRISTIAN: THE SHIELD OF FAITH

1. What is it used for? "*Quench all the fiery darts of wicked one.*"
2. We need protection from the attacks of the "wicked one."
3. The enemy's weapons are fiery darts (seducing temptations).
4. How is the Shield of Faith effective against temptation?
 - A. Step One: To have faith is to believe God. (Heb 11:6)
 - We believe: God wrote the Bible; Jesus Christ is God.
 - Jesus died on cross, rose from dead, is coming back.
 - We know by believing we will enter into His kingdom.
 - The Bible says, "The just will live by faith!" (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38)
 - Faith must be in something worth putting our faith in!
 - Our Faith is in God!
 - Satan shoots his fiery darts of lies at us every day. If we believe his lies...we are not believing God! Faith is your double protection against Satan.