

The Believer's Battle pt. 10 The *Shield* of Faith

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

- ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
- ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
- ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
- ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
- ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,
- ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.
- ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.
- ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains.
- ²⁰ Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Don't let circumstances on the outside, master your emotions on the inside.

The Shield

1. The shield was _____ for full body _____.
2. The protection was from _____ that burned you from the _____ out.

How the Shield was Used

3. Paul didn't want a _____ to protect him from _____, but from losing _____ in the midst of _____.

2 Corinthians 11:24-27; Philippians 2:17; 2 Corinthians 7:4.

Quote: It is not a dungeon or a palace that can make misery or happiness. We carry palaces and dungeons within ourselves; our expectations bring the greatest joys.

Charles Spurgeon

4. Paul didn't want a shield to protect him from _____, but a shield against _____ . **Philippians 3:7-8.**
5. Paul didn't want a shield to protect him from _____, but a shield that would protect him from _____ his _____. **2 Timothy 4:6-8; Philippians 1:21.**
6. Paul did not want a shield against being _____, but a shield against the _____ and _____ that is often a result of being offended. **2 Corinthians 4:8-10.**
7. Paul didn't want a shield to protect him from _____, but to protect him from _____ that _____ can create. **2 Corinthians 12:11.**
8. Paul didn't want a shield to protect him from _____, but from _____ that comes from _____. **2 Corinthians 11:30, 12:10.**
9. Paul did not want a shield to protect him from the _____, but to protect him from not seeing the _____ even when _____ things happen. **2 Cor.7:5-6.**
10. Paul didn't want a shield to _____ him during _____ times, but to _____ negatively during times of _____. **Acts 28:3-6.**
11. The purpose of all of Satan's attacks is not to _____ the _____ of you but to try and _____ the _____ of you.

Small Group Questions

Why does satan want the inside (heart) of a person rather than the outside (flesh)?

How does satan attack the inside of a person?

Where are some areas satan has focused his attacks on your heart?

How does faith fight those attacks? (Next weekend we will talk *length*.)