

Brookland Baptist Church
Spiritual Warfare
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Defensive Armor #4 – Shield of Faith

- “Carry faith as a shield.” (TEV)
- “In every battle, you will need FAITH as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by satan.” (LBD)
- “Take up the shield of faith.” (NIV)

The Shield of Faith

Take out and hold up the “shield of faith”. The Bible says “Above All.” (Verse 16). Before discussing the “Shield of Faith,” let’s note the emphasis placed on “Above All.” This adds a lot of depth to our understanding of faith as spiritual armor. One translation says, “in addition to.” This means that not only do you need the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness and the gospel shoes of peace, but you also need the shield of faith.

The context of Paul’s assertion suggests that “above all” means “over all.” He has reference to covering and protecting all the pieces of God’s armor with the shield of faith.

In the Greek of the New Testament, there are two different words for shield. One is a small, circular shield shaped more or less like a large, round, flat wicker basket. The word used in this instance is “thureos” which refers to the Romans’ “scutum.” This was a long rectangular shield about the size of a door. It was big, well-constructed, and fully protected the soldier in battle. This shield was the first piece of armor that came in contact with the enemy, so it had to be strong and formidable. A properly trained Roman soldier could use that shield so that no part of his body could be reached by the arrows and the swords of the enemy.

For us to protect ourselves against satan’s fiery darts, we need faith. We must take out, hold up, and stretch forth the shield of faith. We need faith:

- **II Corinthians 5:7**
- **Hebrews 11:6**

What is faith?

- **Hebrews 11:1**

This means that faith is the confident assurance that whatever we hope for is already ours. It is evidence or proof of that which already is—even though we do not see it.

F -Forsaking
A -All
I -I
T -Take/Trust
H -Him

Forsaking All I Take/Trust Him!

When we hold up the shield of faith, we are saying “I trust Him who has my back.”

- **I Samuel 17:45**

When the believer holds up the shield of faith, he is trusting God to fight the battle. He has faith; faith in God who is able.

- **Daniel 3:17**

How do you get that kind of faith?

- **Romans 10:17**

When the word is proclaimed by the preacher, receive and believe. Your “**faith**” in God’s Word and “**knowing**” God’s Word will give you an unshakeable confidence and trust in the reliability of what God says. Thus, you are enabled by your faith to quench every fiery dart of the enemy.