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THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Ephesians 6:16

I. WHAT IS FAITH?

1. Faith is GIVEN by God.

2. Faith is not WILLFUL BELIEF in God.

3. Faith is not MERE KNOWLEDGE of God.

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!
James 2:19

4. Faith is TRUST BASED ON KNOWLEDGE of God.

God has revealed [spiritual truths] to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

II. HOW DO WE EXTINGUISH THE FLAMING DARTS OF THE EVIL ONE?

1. Like Job, learn that God is great and good.

Though he slay me, I will hope in him.

Job 13:5

2. According to Peter's instruction, "*be prepared to make a defense . . . for the hope that is in you.*"

In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15



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