

## WHAT DOES THE SHIELD OF FAITH SHIELD US FROM

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Eph 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Eph 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1. Take my text from Ephesians 6:16 “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”
2. In those days, there was no bombs, missiles, land mines, jets, mortars ect.
3. When you handled the shield in a proper way it brought protection between you and the enemy.
4. Paul the writer of great part of the New Testament and the writer of Ephesians, suffered more than anyone else in the Bible.

2Co 11:24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.

2Co 11:25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

2Co 11:26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

2Co 11:27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

2Co 11:28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

2Co 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?

2Co 11:30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. (then he was finally put in prison to spend his last days)

5. To our estimation, Paul's shield of faith wasn't working.
6. Paul was also the writer of the book of Hebrews and the eleventh chapter, called the hero's of faith.
7. The roll call of Hebrews Eleven: Able Faith, Enoch Faith, Noah Faith, Abraham Faith, Isaac Faith, Jacob Faith, Sarah Faith, Moses Faith,
8. Concludes the Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews by this;

Heb 11:36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

Heb 11:37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

Heb 11:38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

“These all died in the faith”

9. The shield of faith does not keep you from suffering.
10. Suffering is not an enemy. Christ was made perfect through suffering.

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

2Ti 2:11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*:

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

### **SO IF THE SHIELD OF FAITH DOES NOT PROTECT US FROM SUFFERING – WHAT DOES IT PROTECT US FROM**

1. **The World**: Over and over in Scripture, the love for this present world is our enemy:

1Jn 5:19 *And* we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Eph 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

1Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1Jn 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Jas 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

2. The world and all it represents is my worst enemy.
3. Jesus said: “Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world”

1Jn 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

4. Keep you from the worldly attitude

Joh 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.

5. Don't be the victim of a fiery dart. (No matter what someone says about me or no matter what someone might do unto me) I am going to use the shield of faith.

6. When the spirit of materialism starts to reach for me: This world is not my home, I am just a passing through
7. We tend to love what we feel and see, but faith puts into new dimension of the eternal.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls.

**1Co 2:9** But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Isa 21:5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, *and* anoint the shield.