

The Whole Armor of God (Part 4—The Shield of Faith)

Scripture

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;” (Eph 6:13-17 NKJV)

Devotion

The Bible says, “. . . without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him], for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and [that] He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” (Heb 11:6 NKJV). The shield of faith is utilized to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. God is pleased when the believer takes up his shield and goes into battle. The iron is tested when facing the enemy. If the soldier retreats, his shield is of little use as his back is exposed.

Before salvation, I used to think that Christians were kind of wimpy. However, it takes real courage to walk into the teeth of a roaring lion. To stand for Christ often cost the believer a good measure of discomfort.

Thankfully, we have been given an impenetrable shield. However, it only works when we trust in it. Take a look at Peter’s faith.

“And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind [was] boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out [His] hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"” (Mt 14:26-31 NKJV)

Peter took his shield of faith and began to walk on the water. This act of faith was really amazing, but look at what happened. He saw the wind and became afraid then he started to sink.

No matter what you face today look to Jesus and not to the problem. Focusing on the problem only breeds fear. When you focus on Jesus you find peace.