

THE SHIELD OF FAITH: PART I
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Do you see how the variety of callings in spreading the gospel of peace gives much glory to God? How do you think God has shaped you for this task? What is he specifically calling you to do in this regard right now?
2. Think about the meaning and order of each of the pieces of armor and pray that the Lord would give you insight into why they're listed in the order they're listed. Do you see it as important that the shield of faith is the first thing mentioned after readiness for spreading the gospel of peace?
3. About the shield of faith, do you see how the shield, even though it is a defensive piece of the armor, is not passive but must be wielded? How do you think this applies to daily life in Christ?
4. About the flaming darts of the evil one, do you see how these darts are thrown at close range and not shot from a distance? How do think this applies to your daily life in Christ?
5. Spend some time thinking about the assertion in the second half of Eph 6:16. Do you see and feel the weight of the extent of this promise? Do you have a hard time believing it? Pray and ask the Lord to help you.
6. Pastor Charlie mentioned four specific flaming darts that the evil one hurls at the people of God on a regular basis: lust, doubt, fear, and neglect. What are some specific darts that the enemy hurls at you on a regular basis? How do you think learning to wield the shield of faith will help you extinguish these darts?
7. Do you see how, if you fail with the shield, the breastplate of the righteousness of Christ will protect you and keep you from falling away from the Lord?