

THE SHIELD OF FAITH # 4

EL ESCUDO DE LA FE

EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Eph 6:10-18

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **12** For we^[a] are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. **14** Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. **15** For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.^[b] **16** In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.^[c] **17** Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Efesios 6:10-20

*10 Por último, fortalézcanse con el gran poder del Señor. 11 Pónganse toda la armadura de Dios para que puedan hacer frente a las artimañas del diablo. 12 Porque nuestra lucha no es contra *seres humanos, sino contra poderes, contra autoridades, contra potestades que dominan este mundo de tinieblas, contra fuerzas espirituales malignas en las regiones celestiales. 13 Por lo tanto, pónganse toda la armadura de Dios, para que cuando llegue el día malo puedan resistir hasta el fin con firmeza. 14 Manténganse firmes, ceñidos con el cinturón de la verdad, protegidos por la coraza de justicia, 15 y calzados con la disposición de proclamar el *evangelio de la paz. 16 Además de todo esto, tomen el escudo de la fe, con el cual pueden apagar todas las flechas encendidas del maligno. 17 Tomen el casco de la salvación y la espada del Espíritu, que es la palabra de Dios. 18 Oren en el Espíritu en todo momento, con peticiones y ruegos. Manténganse alerta y perseveren en oración por todos los *santos.*

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Let's review Paul's underlying presuppositions

1. WE ARE IN A SPIRITUAL WAR!

¡ESTAMOS PARTE DE UNA GUERRA ESPIRITUAL!

2. WE CANNOT STAND ON OUR OWN!

¡NO PODEMOS VALER POR SÍ MISMOS!

3. GOD HAS PROVIDED PROTECTIVE ARMOR!

¡DIOS NOS HA EQUIPADO CON ARMADURA PROTECTURA!

We are focusing on The Shield of Faith

El Escudo de la Fe

Five points make up the shield of faith – practice it

1. I believe God is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do!

Creo que Dios es quien dice y que hará que dice que va a hacer.

2. I believe I am who God says I am and I can do whatever he asks me to do!

¡Creo que soy quien Dios dice y que puedo hacer todo lo que me pide que haga!

3. The Word of God is true, alive and powerful!

¡La Palabra de dios es verdad, está viva, y es poderosa!

4. Prayer changes things!

¡El rezo cambia cosas!

5. The Church is the Body of Christ and together we can accomplish Jesus mission!

¡La Iglesia es el Cuerpo de Dios y juntos podemos alcanzar la misión de Jesús!

The Shield of Faith

El Escudo de la Fe

We have to have faith or we will not make it. Hebrews 6:11 says without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith is critical to our spiritual survival.

Faith is an action word! It must be exercised. It is exercised when we accept Christ, but it must be ongoing and continual.

Paul says in Eph 1:18-20, that the power of God which raised Jesus from the dead will be in us and working through us if we continue to exercise faith.

The first finger-the thumbs up of raising the shield of faith

1. I believe God is who he says he is and will do what he says he will do!

Creo que Dios es quien dice y que hará que dice que va a hacer.

We have a big and powerful God. He created the world, he maintains and sustains it. He created life on our earth: plants, animals, fish, birds and humans. He designed every part of us. He is an awesome God!

He is big enough to create and govern the whole universe while at the same time care about every detail of your life. Let me review those scriptures once again.

God knows your name! Isaiah 43:1-3

¡Dios sabe su nombre! Isaías 43:1-3

God has promised to bless you! Jeremiah 29:11

¡Dios ha prometido bendecirte! Jeremías 29:11

God has promised you victory!

¡Dios se ha prometido la Victoria!

God has promised us rest! Hebrews 4:9

¡Dios nos ha prometido la descansa! Hebreos 4:9

God has promised to answer our prayers! John 15:7

¡Dios ha prometido contestar a nuestras oraciones! Juan 15:7

God has promised that you will bear fruit! John 15:5

¡Dios ha prometido que darás frutos! Juan 15:5

How Big is your God.

SermonSpice VIDEO: “Jesus Vs. The Devil: Pawn

Follow along with me. If you believe God is who he says he is, (say amen if you do), then you have to believe what God says about you! The second point of the shield of faith is:

#2 I believe I am who God says I am and I can do whatever he asks me to do!

¡Creo que soy quien Dios dice y que puedo hacer todo lo que me pide que haga!

This may be the hardest point for many people in here because, Satan doesn't want you to believe what God says about you! There is a big difference between what God says about you and what Satan says about you.

Satan says you are no good, not loved and don't deserve to be in God's family.

Satan has effectively used moms and dads to tell kids that they are no good and that they will amount to nothing. Sometimes he uses kids at school. Sometimes he uses kids to wreck parents self identity. He can use sports, or school work. Sometimes he uses the church.

Here is what God says.

✓ God says you are created in his image!

¡Dios dice que está creado por su imagen!

✓ God loves you even if you never love him back!

¡Dios le ama a usted incluso si nunca usted le ama también a Él!

- ✓ He sent his Son to suffer and die for your sin so you could be forgiven and enjoy eternal life!

¡Mandó su hijo para sufrir y morir para sus pecados para que pueda ser perdonado y disfrute de la vida eterna!

All these are true no matter what you do with Jesus. If you choose Christ there are many additional things God has done for you.

- ✓ In Christ he has blessed you with every spiritual blessing and poured his grace on you!

¡Por Cristo se ha bendito con cada bendición espiritual y ha vertido su gracia sobre usted!

- ✓ In Christ you are chosen to be in his family!

¡Por Cristo usted es escogido ser parte de su familia!

- ✓ In Christ you have been set you free from any and every bondage!

¡Por Cristo ha sido liberado de toda la esclavitud!

- ✓ In Christ you are being recreated to look like Jesus!

¡Por Cristo está recreandose para aparecer como Jesus!

- ✓ In Christ you are filled with His Spirit!

¡Por Cristo estás llenado con Su Espíritu!

- ✓ In Christ you have been gifted by his Spirit! (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12)

¡Por Cristo ha estado muy dotado por Su Espíritu!

- ✓ In Christ you have been called for ministry!

¡Por Cristo ha sido llamado para ministerio!

- ✓ Working in every circumstance for you good! Romans 8:28

¡Está trabajando en cada circunstancia para su bienestar!

✓ Christ is preparing an eternal home for you in heaven! John 14

¡Cristo está preparando un hogar para usted en el cielo!

Now because of all that God has done for you there is another part to this point in the shield of faith.

I believe I am who God says I am and I can do whatever he asks me to do!

¡Creo que soy quien Dios dice y que puedo hacer todo lo que me pide que haga!

What is the thing that is keeping you from the being who God created you to be and doing what God says you can do?

What is addiction that is keeping you from being who God created you to be?

Who is Satan using to say, “You are not who God says you are and you cannot do what God says you can do?”

Who will you listen to today? Will it be God or Satan?

Last time I preached we opened the altar for people to come as a choice to believe what God says about them. You can come again today, but, I am focusing on the choice to do what God says you need to do.

Listen to some scripture about this.

Ephesians 3:17-21

¹⁷Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Efesios 3:17-21

*17 para que por fe Cristo habite en sus corazones. Y pido que, arraigados y cimentados en amor,18 puedan comprender, junto con todos los *santos, cuán ancho y largo, alto y profundo es el amor de Cristo;19 en fin, que conozcan ese amor que sobrepasa nuestro conocimiento, para que sean llenos de la plenitud de Dios. 20 Al que puede hacer muchísimo más que todo lo que podamos imaginarnos o pedir, por el poder que obra eficazmente en nosotros,21 ¡a él sea la gloria en la iglesia y en Cristo Jesús por todas las generaciones, por los siglos de los siglos! Amén.*

When Christ has made his home in your heart, you can trust him. Are you trusting him. If you are not, then you will not be able to do what God says for you to do.

Are the roots of your life, your self-confidence and identity going down deep into the soil of God's love so that you will be strong? Are you experiencing God's love today? If not, you have to start there.

Paul seems to be saying that there is a direct connection between experiencing God's love in your life-and having his power in your life.

Are you experiencing the power of God. He plans for you to have his power and everything else you need. You have to chose to take it and live in it.

Phil. 4:13, 19

13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength. 19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

Filipenses 4:13, 19

13 Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece. 19 Así que mi Dios les proveerá de todo lo que necesiten, conforme a las gloriosas riquezas que tiene en Cristo Jesús.

What is that thing in your life that is defeating you. God says he loves you no matter how defeated you feel, however, he has provided his power to overcome that thing, that habit, addiction, life choice, or that person that Satan is using to defeat you.

Prayer time-you have the choice today to believe what God says about you or Satan.

You have the choice today to accept God's love and power in your life, which will enable you to do whatever he asks you to do.

There are some people here today that need to come a pray because God has said do this, you cannot do it on your own, but today, God is giving you his power to do it.

OPEN ALTAR FOR PRAYER