**Ephesians 6:16-17**

***16****in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.****17****And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

**FOCAL TRUTH:** Justifying faith protects the believer in overcoming the devil.

\*\*\*To protect our spiritual life we must take up the Shield of Faith-Victory over Satan\*\*\*

**1.Take up your shield of faith**

\* *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.* ***(1* John 5:4)**

**\*** Justification by faith- greatest weapon against the Devil

\* Paul calls us to take up our shield in addition to the rest of the armor

**2. Rely on your shield of faith for protection against the devil**

\*the shield extinguishes the fiery arrows –this takes Satan’s power away!

\*Arrows of Satan: temptation, doubt, accusation, etc.

*For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O Lord, You surround him with favor as with a shield.*

 **(Psalm 5:12)**

*Some boast in chariots and some in horses, but we will boast in the name of the Lord, our God.*

***(Psalm 20:7)***

**3. Raising up the shield of faith in the midst of spiritual battle**

\* No doubt, No fear, no worry – Raise your shield and RESIST

\*There are 3 “able statements” in Chapter 6 of Ephesians

 a. to stand firm

 b. to resist evil in our times

 c. to extinguish all flaming arrows of the evil one

**DAILY USE**:

1. Raise the shield of faith by praying in faith – Matt. 21:22
2. Raise the shield of faith by expecting God to act in faith – James 1:6
3. Raise the shield of faith by enduring in your faith – 1 Peter 1:9