

STANDING FIRM IN THE BATTLE
Ephesians 6:10-18
Study Questions Week 7

Read the book of Ephesians in its entirety in one sitting. Look for and list how many times each of these words or key phrases are listed:

Riches:

Grace:

Glory:

Fulness or filled:

In Christ:

What impact does this make in giving you understanding about what Paul is trying to communicate to these believers. Write the theme of Ephesians in one to two sentences.

How should Ephesians 1:4 give us purpose in our battle for holiness? Based on this verse, what is God's desire for us as believers? Because of His desire for us, how should this affect how we live?

Read Ephesians 1:13, how could this verse be applied to what Paul is writing to the Ephesian church and us today in Ephesians 6:14 in referring to the belt of truth? Use Romans 10:17 and John 1:12...what two things must be done in response to the gospel of truth to receive salvation?

SHIELD OF FAITH:

Taking up the Shield of Faith is the consistent application of what we believe about God to the issues of life. Based on this definition, how are we to apply what we believe about God and His character to a temptation or trial in our daily life? Write out a step by step plan on how we would do this. First write down the temptation you are facing, then steps to implement to reach the end goal of the ability to actively trust that God

will provide what is needed (peace, contentment, understanding of a truth, escape from giving in to sin, etc.)

What is the significance of others in the body of Christ taking up the Shield of Faith?
How does your action of taking up the Shield of Faith impact the body of Christ?

HELMET OF SALVATION:

5 points from the teaching that give us practical actions a believer can take to put on the Helmet of Salvation. Please look up the scripture references listed for each one and list one way the truth of the Scriptures can guard your mind with specific truth. *(example for #1 Renew your mind, I find it hard to discern truth when I am faced with an opinion from the world on something in the culture so I decide to error on the side of "love" and continue to watch and read things that will give me misinformation based on a worldly view apart from scripture. Romans 12:1-2 says that I am to renew my mind with truth from God's word so that I can discern what His will is for me and be able to be a living sacrifice that is able to offer Him a life that is pleasing to Him. You can be even more specific with your answer by listing a concrete idea you are confused about or worldly view you are adopting. Do not be afraid to be honest with God...He already know what you are thinking and believing. He will give us insight and truth when we honestly seek His perspective.*

- 1) Renew our minds (Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 4:8)

- 2) Reject doubts that arise from circumstances (Hebrews 11:6, I Peter 1:8-9)

- 3) Keep an eternal perspective (Matt 6:20, I Corin. 3:11-13)

4) Remember the victory is already accomplished (Romans 6:11, II Corin 5:17, I John 3:9)

5) Find all our hope in Him (Psalm 73:25). There are many more passages that address this. Please list ones that have been a source of hope for you over the years.