

## **Spiritual Warfare: The Shield of Faith** **Ephesians 6:16**

Where are we in Ephesians?

Review of our Spiritual Armor

### **In All Circumstances, verse 16**

Is faith the most important piece of the armor?

### **Taking up the Shield**

Are we active in Spiritual warfare?

### **A Roman Soldier's Shield**

How was the shield made, and how did they use it?

The "you" in this passage is plural.

Seek out Christian friendships.

### **Shield in the Old Testament**

Trusting in the God of strength is our shield.

(2 Samuel 22:31; Psalm 33:20; Proverb 30:5)

### **Faith as the Shield**

Is this faith propositional truth or active trust?

How does Ephesians describe faith?

Faith is a means of acquiring God's strength. (1:18-19; 3:16-17; 3:12)

### **What are the Flaming Arrows?**

Evil thoughts, tempting allurements, false teaching (1 Peter 5:8-9)

### **Promise**

Temptation can be resisted. Victory can be achieved. (1 John 5:4)