What spiritual armor do we wear?

D. Shield of Faith

**Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

Faith repels every fiery dart Satan would shoot at you.

- Faith in God’s character.

  **Psalm 84:11 (ESV)** For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

  **Romans 8:32 (ESV)** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

- Faith in God’s promises.

  **Numbers 23:19 (ESV)** God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

- Faith in God’s power.

  **1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)** 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

  See 1 Peter 5:5-11

- Faith that quenches flaming arrows...

  - Schemes, temptations, lies, deceptions, attacks.
  - When we are taking significant steps of faith.
  - When we are invading enemy territory.
  - When we are exposing Satan for who he really is.
  - When we repent of a long-held sin pattern or unholy relationship.
  - When God is preparing us for a great work for His glory.
E. The Helmet of Salvation

**Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

The helmet protects the mind, and it is the salvation in Jesus Christ that transforms a person’s mind.

- Victory in spiritual warfare is grounded in a true understanding of Salvation:
  - We have been saved.
    - **Galatians 2:15-20 (ESV)**  
      
      15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. 17 But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

    - Justification... Freedom from the penalty of sin.
  - We are being saved.
    - **1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV)** For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.
  - We will be saved.
    - **Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)**  
      
      12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

    - Sanctification... Freedom from the power of sin.
  - Glorification... Freedom from the presence of sin.