

Ready for battle?

“...put on the full armour of God...”

Week 5: “... take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”



“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

*In addition to all this, **take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NIV - Anglicised)

“take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

Think/Talk Over the passage

Question: Doubt, temptation, fear and self-doubt are all types of flaming arrows. What other types of ‘arrows’ are there?

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Paul refers to ‘the devil’s schemes’ in verse 11. In what ways are these arrows ‘schemes’?

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What do you say about yourself that could be arrows coming from the evil one?

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ARMOUR OF GOD

Shield

The curve was created using three bonded layers of thin wooden strips. Covered by linen or leather, the shield was painted according to the legion. A bronze rim covered the rounded edges as additional protection.



ARMOUR OF LEGIONARY

Scutum (Shield)

Overlapping shields allowed soldiers to advance together.

Shield was used to defend the entire body, including the back.

ARMOUR OF GOD

Shield of Faith

“...In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.”
Ephesians 6:16

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Think/Talk It Over (continued)

Who else do you know or have heard of, who has this faith? Do you have your own stories of faith to share?

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Remember how the Shields were used by a Roman army. How can we help to protect each other against these arrows?

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