

# The Eight-Sided Shield of Defense



## Our Shields of Faith

The Roman army that the Apostle Paul referred to in Ephesians 6:10-18 used shields. The shield covered the body. But when the army advanced on the enemy the soldiers used those shields as an impenetrable barrier from the fiery darts of the enemy's arrows. They placed three in the front, one on each side, and three in the back who lifted the shield overhead, thus forming this wall of defense. By this means they overcame the enemy. God has given us shields of faith. A shield is always God's eternal, unchanging truth. It defeats the enemy. There are four major sides to the attack on the believer's mind, heart, emotions and faith. Whenever we give in and begin to doubt these truths Satan has penetrated our armor and won the skirmish. These truths are always true, for everyone, everywhere, all the time. Use them to defeat the fiery darts of the wicked one.

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## God

1. God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Jer. 29:11, Rom 8:35-39
2. God cares about you. Matthew 6:26
3. God answers prayer. Matthew 18:18-20
4. God forgives you all your iniquities. Psalms 103:3
5. God works everything out for your good and his glory. Romans 8:28
6. God will supply all your needs. Philippians 4:19
7. God is able to make all grace abound to you in everything. 2 Corinthians 9:8
8. God is able to do immeasurably more... Eph. 3:20

## You

1. You are a victor, not a victim. Romans 8:37
2. You are an heir of God, joint heir with Christ. Romans 8:17
3. You are kept by the power of God. 2 Timothy 1:12, Jude 1:24
4. You are forgiven. I John 1:9, Psalms 103:12
5. You are saved and safe in Jesus. John 10:28-29
6. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Philippians 4:13
7. You are protected by God. 1 John 5:18
8. You are blessed. Psalms 34:8

## Word

1. God is not a man that he should lie. Numbers 23:19
2. God's word is always true. Proverbs 30:5
3. God's word will never fail. Matthew 5:18
4. God's word never failed. Joshua 21:45
5. God's promises are yes and amen. 2 Corinthians 1:20
6. God will take care of you. 1 Peter 5:7
7. God will provide. Jehovah Jireh - Genesis 22:14
8. God will make a way. Psalm 77

## Life

1. The rain falls on just and unjust. Matthew 5:45
2. Bad things happen to good people. Job 1, 2
3. In the world you will have tribulation. John 16:33
4. Man is born to trouble. Job 5:7
5. Sickness happens. Psalm 103:3
6. Accidents happen. Luke 13:4
7. People fail. Psalms 27:10
8. Good people die. Hebrews 9:27