**Armor of God**

**Week 6**

1. What are the first 3 elements of the Armor of God that we are told to “put on” and what are the last 3 elements that we are told to “take up”? Describe each briefly.

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2. “The sword used by Roman soldiers was a short sword known as a gladius; and in the hands of a skilled man, it was a fearsome weapon. In fact, it became known as the sword that conquered the world. It was sharpened on both sides, making it lethal against an unarmored foe. The point was also sharpened, enabling it to pierce armor. Usually around 20 to 30 inches long, the gladius was not the medieval-style long sword usually associated with the armor of God. This Roman sword was light (around 2 pounds), short and designed to be wielded easily with one hand while the other hand grasped the shield. Its size meant it could be drawn in close quarters, and its sharpened edges made it a threat to any enemy who got too close.” (<https://lifehopeandtruth.com/change/christian-conversion/armor-of-god/sword-of-the-spirit/>) How does this description help you picture how the Word of God as the sword of the Spirit is effective in spiritual battle?

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3. “*Relativism* is the belief that there's no absolute truth, only the truths that a particular individual or culture happen to believe. If you believe in *relativism*, then you think different people can have different views about what's moral and immoral.” (<https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/relativism>) In this era where relativism is rampant in our culture, and the enemy’s strategy from the beginning is to question, “Did God really say?”, how important is it for you to stay alert with the sword of the Spirit in hand? How has the sword of the Spirit defeated the enemy for you in this type of spiritual battle? Give an example.

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4. “The all-powerful sword of the living God is able to cut through every defense our enemy can raise—down to the very division of bone and marrow. When wielded by a servant of God, nothing can withstand its ability to cut straight to the core of a matter and uncover the truth. As soldiers in God's army, it is our responsibility and duty to use His Word to discern the truth and then follow it.” (<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-sword-of-spirit-word.htm>) Give an example of a time when the Sword of the Spirit proved valuable to you to win a spiritual battle.

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5 .Pastor Bob explained, “There are three Greek words that the Bible uses to describe this “Word of God.” *Graphe’* means “written.” It is the written word as in the Bible. The second use for the Word of God is *logos* meaning message. Jesus is the *logos* – the message of the Word. The third meaning for the Word of God is *Rhema* – which means “spoken” and it is the declared Word of God. This is the word used in Ephesians 6:17b. The sword the Spirit uses is the Ramah of God!” How did Jesus use the sword of the Spirit when he fought the enemy in the desert? (Matthew 4)

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6. In the Passion Translation, James 4:7 says, “So then, surrender to God. Stand up to the devil and resist him and he will flee in agony” and Psalm 119:11 says, “I consider your Word to be my greatest treasure,

and I treasure it in my heart to keep me from committing sin’s treason against you.” Pastor Bob concluded his message by saying, “The way we defeat the devil is by Speaking the Word of God! Not by saying, “I think…” but by saying, “It is written…” How have you experienced this? What will you do to keep your Sword sharp and ready for battle?

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