Shield of Faith - Ray Flores, September 1, 2024

Ephesians 6:14-17 NIV ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<u>Hebrews 11:1, 6a NIV</u> ¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God . . .

<u>2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV</u> For we live by faith, not by sight.

Romans 8:1, 34 NIV ¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

Revelation 12:10-12 NIV 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11 They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. 12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short."

<u>Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV</u> **8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 5:1-5 NIV ¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<u>1 John 5: 4-5 NIV</u> **4** for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. **5** Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

<u>Romans 10:17 NIV</u> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

<u>Isaiah 55:11 NIV</u> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

<u>James 2:17 NIV</u> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<u>2 Corinthians 4:13 NIV</u> It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak,

<u>Joshua 24:15f NIV</u> ". . . as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

<u>Proverbs 22:6 NKJV</u> Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

<u>Philippians 1:6 NIV</u> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<u>Isaiah 53:5 NIV</u> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<u>Psalm 107:20 NIV</u> He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.

<u>Isaiah 26:3 NIV</u> You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

Matthew 6:26-27 NIV ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<u>Isaiah 54:17a NKJV</u> "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, . . ."

- <u>1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV</u> But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- <u>1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV</u> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

<u>Hebrews 12:2 NIV</u> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.