

The full armor of God (#4)

November 2024 #2

* Praise with joy : When Trials And Temptations Come, The Grass Withers

* Bible verses : Ephesians 6 : 13-17

* Focusing on words : God wants us to put on the full armor of God so that we can prevail over the devil in spiritual warfare. It is necessary for us to have the spiritual weapons one by one. Today we want to think how we can fight the spiritual battle by being equipped with the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit.

* Understanding the background : The full armor of God had already been used by God himself when he was fighting the spiritual battle in the old testament. Those weapons had been passed on to us. What an amazing consideration of Jesus who already won the spiritual battle it is so we can also win the same battle by putting on the full armor of God.

* Sharing the Words

1. #. Observing & Contemplating : Read Ephesians 6 : 13-17

1) What's the 5th weapon among the full armor of God? (verse 17)

- the helmet of salvation : It means the helmet you wear on your head.

2) Who 1 John 5 : 11-12 says will be granted salvation? (1 John 5 : 11-12)

- He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

3) What's the 6th weapon among the full armor of God? (verse 17)

- the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God : For the word of God is living and active, it's sharper than any double-edged sword. (Hebrews 4 : 12)

4) Who do you think used the sword of God's word the best? (Matthew 4 : 1-11)

- Jesus defeated all the temptations by the devil with the word of God. The word of God is the strongest weapon to protect from and to attack the offense of the devil.

#. Applying & Sharing

1) What's the foundation of your hope and assurance that God will welcome you to heaven?

- It's because we remain in Jesus, the son of God and Jesus remains in us. Ask all the members of your ranch whether they truly understand the assurance of salvation.

2) How did your hope for heaven encourage and comfort you when you were in temptations? Please share your experiences if you have.

- When you become discouraged by the temptation of the devil, your assurance of salvation and hope for heaven will become the encouragement and comfort that the Lord will raise your hand at last. Let's share the experiences of each one of you.

3) How do you train yourself to use the sword of the Spirit, the word of God? When you face some doubts about the word of God, how do you overcome the temptations of the devil by the word of God?

- You can stand firm on the assurance of the word when you interpret the word by the word. Share how each one of you trains yourself to handle the word, how you overcome the doubts by the word.

4) Do you have any experience to obey the word of God in order to prune your life (cutting the unnecessary branches of your life)? What did the word of God do in order to trim your life and personality?

- Share your story of how your life and personality have changed.

* Conclusion : We have been thinking of two weapons, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit among the full armor of god. We hope you prevail over Spiritual warfare by keeping the necessary weapons you need.

* Prayers to reflect on the words

1. Let my life be accompanied by Jesus being equipped with the assurance of salvation and the sword of word.
2. Guide and protect us to be proud servants and intact Christians as we close this year of 2024.
3. Let our sick members of the Inland church be taken care of by Jesus and experience the help and healing of the Lord.