

The Shield of Faith

Eph. 6:16

What a Roman soldier's shield was all about:

- The door-like scutum was 2'6"x4', made of wood, leather, metal.
- It is the 1st line of defense against swords, spears, arrows, rocks.

Why we need a shield of faith:

- As noted here and in 6:11, we're under attack from a real person.
- Recall in OT God is often called our shield, Ps. 18:2, 28:7, 33:20.
- Shield of Faith ≠ the faith or our initial faith but our faith / trust we must live by, as seen by the heroes of the faith in Heb. 11.
- Peter also describes standing up to Satan in faith but in a slightly different way, 1 Pt. 5:8. Remember his earlier faith-failure?

How we take up this shield to stop these flaming arrows:

What exactly are some of these flaming arrows being shot at us, and how do we become more successful in blocking them?

