

**Series "Our Riches In Christ"**  
**"The Sword"**  
**Ephesians 6:17**  
**Study-31**

**The Bible Is Infallible** - The Bible is reliable. It is trustworthy. Depend on it.

**The Bible Is Inerrant** - Free from error. It is incapable of error. It is perfect.

**The Bible Is Inspired** - God breathed. God did not violate the personalities of the authors but super intended these and others to write His Words.

Paul introduces us to the 6<sup>th</sup> piece of armor. **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**. This piece of the armor is for **defense** and **offense**!

**Thought Of The Passage:** "The Sword Of The Spirit, The Word Of God, Is Needed Both For The Offensive And Defensive Warfare"

- 1. The Sword:**
- 2. The Spiritual Sword:**
- 3. The Use Of The Sword:**

**1. The Sword:**

**Ephesians 6:17 and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**Sword – (Pictures Roman Sword)** The Roman sword was about 18 inches to 2 feet in length. It was very sharp with a fine point and was two edged, (both sides could be used to cut.)

It was carried by the Roman foot soldier into battle. When not in use it was placed in the sheath which was made of leather and attached to the belt. (The word of God is attached to truth.)

Its purpose was for fighting at close range. This is hand to hand combat. The opponent would not only shoot fiery arrows but would advance to the point to where the soldier would have to use his sword to protect himself and to advance himself.

- 1. Defensive for protection in the battle.**
- 2. Offensive for advancing in the battle.**

## **2. The Spiritual Sword:**

**Ephesians 6:17 the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

Paul defines what it means by the **sword** - He says it is the **word of God**. There are 2 different Greek words that are used for the phrase "**Word of God**"

- 1. Logos – 318 times**, which speaks of *the general revelation of God*. This speaks of the whole Word of God, The Bible.

**John 1:1**

**The authority of Jesus and His Word are the same.**

**2 Timothy 4:1-2**

- 2. Rhema – 63 times** - Speaks of *a specific personal revelation from God to an individual. Spoken word of God by the Holy Spirit to an individual*. It is a portion of Scripture, verses or verse, that the Holy Spirit uses to come alive to a person.

**Ephesian 5:26; Hebrews 11:3**

This is the "**word of God**" the "**sword**" that Paul uses here. He is speaking of using the Bible specifically for every situation. That we could rely on the sword for every specific thing that comes our way.

**Psalm 19:7-11 There** are **6** Statements about the Word of God as to the sharpness of this sword.

- 1. Psalm 19:7 The law of the Lord** - This is the sum of what God has revealed for our instruction. The Bible; this is our textbook for life!

**Psalm 19:7 perfect** - Whole, complete, sufficient something that is comprehensive.

**Psalm 19:7 restoring the soul** - converting, reviving, or refreshing, or transforming.

- 2. Psalm 19:7 The testimony of the Lord** - Scripture is a divine witness. Who God is and what He requires of us.

**Psalm 19:7 is sure**, Unwavering, reliable; can be trusted.

**Psalm 19:7 making wise the simple.** The word transforms the gullible, the naive into one skilled in godly living.

**3. Psalm 19:8 The precepts of the Lord are right,**

They are not only opposed to what is wrong, but they show us the right path.

**Psalm 19:8 rejoicing the heart;** The result of the right way is a rejoicing heart.

**4. Psalm 19:8 The commandment of the Lord, commandment –**

The Bible is not a book of suggestions, it is absolute truths that are standards for life or death.

**Psalm 19:8 is pure - clear.**

**Psalm 19:8 enlightening the eyes.** Where moral darkness exists, God's word opens our eyes.

**5. Psalm 19:9 The fear of the Lord - fear -** is another word for the word of God. It is reverential awe that compels us to worship Him.

**Psalm 19:9 is clean,** undefiled, no corruption or error.

**Psalm 19:9 enduring forever;** It need not be updated, refined.

**6. Psalm 19:9 The judgments of the Lord –** Ordinances, the standards by which all people will be judged for eternity.

**Psalm 19:9 are true;** It is impossible to find truth, the purpose for life, destiny, true love, without the word of God.

**Psalm 19:9 they are righteous altogether.** Nothing to be added.

**Psalm 19:10-11**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God -**

**profitable for teaching,** (That which is right)

**for reproof,** (What is not right)

**for correction,** (How to get right)

**for training in righteousness;** (How to stay right)

### **3. The Use Of The Sword:**

**Ephesians 6:17 and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**The Sword of Defense:**

**2 Timothy 4:1-2**

**We need to read the Word:** In order to be able to know this weapon.

**Need to meditate on the Word:** The Christian fills himself with the Word.  
**Psalm 119:15**

**Memorize the Word: Psalm 119:11**

**Study the Word: 2 Timothy 2:15**

**4 Reasons why we are suffering defeat!**

- 1. Don't separate the sword from the Spirit:** Notice what it is called **the sword of the Spirit**, It is not our word.
- 2. Don't separate the sword from the armor:**
- 3. Don't separate the sword from prayer.** The sword enlightens, then prayer empowers. **Exodus 17:9-11**
- 4. Don't separate the sword from praise.** Being filled with the Spirit has the evidence of Joy, thankfulness, and being submissive.  
**Eph 5:18, Col. 3:16**

**Psalm 149:6; 2 Chronicles 20:15-22**

**The Sword of Offense: and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

- 1. Evangelism** - It will convict the heart, hit the conscience. **Hebrews 4:12**

**Acts 2:37 pierced to the heart** - Cut with a dagger, to be stabbed in the heart!

- 2. Defeats false teaching** - **Matthew 7:15-20**

**Application:**

Jesus Christ's example of warfare in the wilderness.

**Luke 4:1-13** Jesus responded to the devil with Scripture, "It is written"