

# WALKING WITH JESUS

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IN THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

## EPHESIANS 6:11

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- *“Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”*

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- 1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. GALATIANS 2:20.
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. COLOSSIAN 3:14.
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. MARK 16:15.

# OUR STRUCTURE:

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- 1. TO CONTINUE TO TEACH THE WORD OF GOD. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17.
- 2. TO CONTINUE TO TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1
- 3. TO CONTINUE TO TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS. MARK 12:30-31.
- 4. TO CONTINUE TO TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. MATTHEW 28:19-20

# THE SHIELD OF FAITH.

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- I. TRUSTING GOD DAILY. PROVERBS 3:5-6.
- II. CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S WORD DAILY. ROMANS 10:17.
- III. BY PRAYING TO GOD DAILY. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7.
- IV. THE SHIELD OF FAITH BRINGS VICTORY. 1 JOHN 5:4.
- V. THE SHIELD OF FAITH HELPS BELIEVERS STAND FIRM. EPHESIANS 6:13.

## TEXT: Ephesians 2:1-3

### 1. YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS.

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- “ As for you, you were **dead** in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you **followed** the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the **spirit** who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh<sup>[a]</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ”

## Ephesians 2:4-7

### 2.BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE.

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- “<sup>4</sup> But because of his **great love for us**, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup> made us **alive with Christ** even when we were **dead in transgressions**—it is by **grace** you have been **saved**. <sup>6</sup> And **God raised** us up with Christ and **seated us with him** in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

## Ephesians 2:8-10

### 3. BY GRACE YOU ARE SAVED THROUGH FAITH.

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- “<sup>8</sup> For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through **faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can **boast**.<sup>10</sup> For **we are God’s handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SHIELD FAITH.

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- I. FAITH IS THE WAY WE COME TO GOD.  
Ephesians 2:8.
- II. FAITH PLEASES GOD. Hebrews 11:6.
- III. FAITH IS THE SHIELD AGAINST SPIRITUAL  
ATTACKS. Ephesians 6:16.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

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- FAITH IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN THE BIBLE BECAUSE IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. WITHOUT FAITH, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD.

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- I. FAITH IS THE WAY WE COME TO GOD. Ephesians 2:8.
- “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.”
- \*Bible teaches that salvation comes through **faith** in Jesus Christ.
- \***Faith** is trusting in Christ’s finished work on the cross rather than in our own effort.

# I. FAITH IS THE WAY WE COME TO GOD. Ephesians 2:8

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- A. The Source of Salvation: “God’s Grace.”
- “For by grace you have been saved.” Grace is God’s unmerited favor toward sinners.
- \*We do not deserve salvation.
- \*We cannot earn Salvation.
- \*Salvation originates in God’s love and mercy.

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- B. The Means of Salvation: “Through Faith.”
- Faith is the channel through which we receive God’s gift of salvation.
- \*Faith is Trusting in Jesus Christ alone.
- \*Faith is not merely believing facts about Jesus.
- \*Faith is personally relying on Him for forgiveness and eternal life.

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- C. The Result of Salvation: “No boasting.” “Not by works, so that no one can boast.”
- Good works cannot earn salvation.
- \*Baptism cannot earn salvation.
- \*Church attendance cannot earn salvation.
- \*Moral living cannot earn salvation.

## I. FAITH IS THE WAY WE COME TO GOD. Ephesians 2:8

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- \*IF SALVATION COULD BE EARNED, PEOPLE COULD BOAST ABOUT THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.  
\*GOD DESIGNED SALVATION SO THAT ALL GLORY BELONGS TO HIM.
- \*LIVE HUMBLLY, GIVING ALL PRAISE TO GOD FOR YOUR SALVATION.

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- II. FAITH PLEASES GOD. Hebrews 11:6.
- “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
- \*God desires people who trust him, obey him, and depend on him.

## II. FAITH PLEASES GOD. Hebrews 11:6

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- A. The necessity of faith.
- “Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- B. The object of faith.
- “Believe that God exists.”
- C. The Reward of Faith.
- “God rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

## II. FAITH PLEASES GOD. Hebrews 11:6.

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- TO PLEASE GOD, WE MUST TRUST HIM, BELIEVE HIS WORD, AND SEEK HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY. FAITH IS NOT MERELY A DOCTRINE TO UNDERSTAND; IT IS LIFESTYLE OF CONFIDENCE IN GOD. AS WE TRUST HIM DAILY, WE EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE, POWER, AND PROMISES.

# THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

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- III. FAITH IS THE SHIELD AGAINST SPIRITUAL ATTACKS. Ephesians 6:16.
- “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.”

### III. FAITH IS THE SHIELD AGAINST SPIRITUAL ATTACKS.

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- A. The Command: “Take up the Shield of Faith.”
- \*Faith is not passive; it must be actively used.
- \*Faith means trusting God’s Character, God’ Word, God’s promises.
- \*The shield is something believers must consciously carry every day.



### III. FAITH IS THE SHIELD AGAINST SPIRITUAL ATTACKS.

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- C. The attack: “Flaming Arrows.”
- These fiery darts represent the enemy’s attacks against our minds and hearts.
- \*God doesn’t love you.                      \*God has abandoned you.
- \*Your prayers are useless.                      \*Temptation to disobey God.
- \*You will never overcome this sins and problems.

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- D. The Victory: “Extinguish all the flaming arrows”
- Faith does not merely deflect the arrows –it extinguishes them.
- \*Fear is overcome by confidence in God.
- \*Doubt is overcome by God’s truth.
- \*Discouragement is defeated by hope in Christ.
- \*Temptation is resisted through faith in Christ.

# CONCLUSION

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- THEREFORE, WE MUST STOP TRUSTING IN OUR OWN GOODNESS, RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES, OR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLACE OUR COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE. SINCE SALVATION IS GOD'S GIFT, ALL GLORY BELONGS TO HIM. LET US LIVE EACH DAY WITH GRATITUDE, HUMILITY, AND OBEDIENCE, KNOWING THAT WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH AND NOT BY OUR OWN WORKS.

# CONCLUSION

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- 1. HAVE YOU TRULY PLACED YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE FOR SALVATION?
- 2. ARE YOU RELYING ON GOD'S GRACE OR YOUR OWN EFFORT?
- 3. ARE YOU LIVING A LIFE THAT REFLECTS GRATITUDE FOR THE GIFT OF SALVATION?

# CONCLUSION

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- WE ARE NOT SAVED BY GOOD WORKS, WE ARE SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. GOOD WORKS ARE NOT THE ROOT OF SALVATION-THEY ARE FRUIT OF SALVATION.
- IN JESUS NAME... AMEN!!!