



Scripture Reading:

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

**The Fourth Piece of God's Armor  
that Protects Against Satanic  
Attack:**

**“The Shield of Faith”**

# Introduction

There are four verses in the NT that are foundational to the understanding of the all-important subject of faith

- Heb 11:1
  - The Biblical definition of faith: Faith actualizes (gives substance) to the mind in the present time, unseen future realities
- II Cor 5:7
  - The Christian's daily life should be characterized by directing faith toward God's promises for the grace believer
- Jn 5:4
  - Faith towards God's promises is the basis for overcoming the world system
- Eph 6:16
  - Faith is necessary for defeating Satanic thought-attacks

“Faith” and  
“Trust”  
Distinguished

FAITH is based on a  
future reality



TRUST is based on past  
experienced realities

Example: Rahab

- Josh 2:9-11
- Heb 11:31

# Four Divine Provisions of Faith

- Faith for initial salvation
  - I Cor 15:2, Phil 1:24, I Cor 3:5-6, Eph 2:8-9
- Faith, as one of the 11 extant spiritual gifts
  - I Cor 12:9
- A measure of faith that accompanies each spiritual gift in order to use/operate each spiritual gift
  - Rom 12:3,6
- Faith as part of the Fruit of the Spirit
  - Gal 5:22:23
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# Four Divine Provisions of Faith

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- Faith as part of the Fruit of the Spirit
  - Gal 5:22:23
  - **THIS is the faith that is referred to as part of God's armor**
    - God PROVIDES this faith
    - God PROVIDES the objects for this faith to be directed

# This Faith Used With the Other Five Pieces of Armor

- **“Overall...” Eph 6:16**

- Faith toward truth yet to be fulfilled
- Faith in the permanency of our righteous standing in Christ
  - We are “seated in Christ” - Eph 1:13
- Faith in the “power of the gospel unto salvation” - Rom 1:16
- Faith in the completeness and permanency of our individual salvation
- Faith in the ongoing effectiveness (power) of the utterance(s) of God - Phil 4:13

# CONCLUSION

- Divinely provided faith actualizes to the mind of the believer the **promises** of God
- **Isaiah 46:10** “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure”
- Faith defeats Satan’s darts of **doubt**