

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – 4

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EPH. 6:16 – Short outline of Ephesians

1. Doctrine – Our riches in Christ.

A. Our spiritual possessions in Christ.

- Father – **EPH. 1:3** “I’m Blessed...”
- Son – **EPH. 1:7** “In Christ I have redemption...”
- Holy Ghost – **EPH. 1:13-14** “I’m sealed with the Holy Spirit.”

B. Our position in Christ.

- **EPH. 2:6** “I’m raised up and seated with Christ.”

FIRST PRAYER IS FOR ENLIGHTENMENT – EPH. 1:18

2. Duty – Our responsibilities in Christ.

A. **EPH. 4:1** – To walk worthy of our calling.

- Walk in Humility. Deals with Attitude.
- Walk in purity. Deals with morality.
- Walk in harmony. Deals with relationships.
- Walk in victory. Deals with opposition.

SECOND PRAYER IS FOR ENABLEMENT – EPH. 3:16

EPH. 6:16

1. “Above all” – Greek, “out in front of” all things is to be our shield of faith to quench Satan’s fiery schemes.

A. **2 COR. 4:13** – Where’s our shield of faith?

B. 2 COR. 10:3-5 – Our shield is comprised of our knowledge of God’s Word that we “take up” and confess in response to thoughts that contradict truth. “It is written” was Jesus’ shield of faith.

2. “Taking” means to pick up or take up.

A. ACTS. 5:3 – Ananias didn’t pick up his shield of faith.

B. Eve didn’t, Samson caved in, David didn’t when he saw Bathsheba.

3. “Fiery darts” means schemes of destruction.
 - A. Keep people lost.
 - B. Prevent our spiritual growth.
 - C. Destroy our lives.
 - D. Destroy our marriages, families, relationships, ministries.
 - E. Ruin our witness, tarnish our testimony.
 - F. Prevent us from finishing our course.

EPH. 6:10-13

1. Being strong in God and the power of His might makes us able to stand against these evil schemes.
 - A. Able means competent, qualified, sufficient in resources, skill and power.
2. The first piece of Armor is the Belt of Truth. **EPH. 6:14**
 - A. Jesus’ bold confession of the truth dismantled Satan’s destructive scheme.
 - B. In order to pick up our shield of faith to quench Satan’s destructive schemes, we too must equip ourselves with truth.

JOHN 8:31:32

3. Application:
 - A. “God doesn’t really care about you or what you are going through .” **I PET. 5:7 (AMPC)**
 - B. “You’re not strong enough to handle it.” **PHIL. 4:13**
 - C. “You won’t be able to pay your bills.” **PHIL. 4:19**
 - D. “You’re going to die.” **PS. 118:17**
 - E. “God doesn’t really love you.” **JOHN 16:27**
 - F. “Your ministry isn’t needed.” **1 COR. 12:21**
 - G. “You’ll never have peace” **JOHN 14:27, PHIL. 4:6-7, IS. 26:3**
 - H. “You’ll never succeed.” **JOSH. 1:8**