

## The Sword of the Spirit (Eph 4:17b)

- All the armor so far has been defensive, the sword is the only offensive
- All of the armor is for the front, to advance – none for the back.

### I. Stand Firm: Face the enemy, take the Sword of the Spirit, Word of God

#### 1. The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

A. The Holy Spirit is the Source of the Word of God (*God Breathed*)

B. The Word is Spirit Breathed, it is powerful, very Word of God

(1) God uses the Word to Accomplish His Sovereign Purposes

(2) God uses the Word to Save Sinners

(3) God uses His Word to Convict us of Sin & Restore our Souls

(4) God uses His Word to Equip us for Every Good Deed

#### 2. Use the sword of the Spirit both Defensively and Offensively

A. Defensively: Word used to ward off temptations & attack the enemy

B. Offensively: Word used in Preaching, Counseling, & Evangelism

(1) *Preaching*: God's Word has the primary place in church life

(2) *Counseling*: God's Word sufficient to help with life's problems

(3) *Evangelism*: God's Word is powerful in converting sinners

#### 3. To effectively use the Sword of the Spirit, you must steep yourself in it

A. To use it effectively, you must know it well.

B. To Know it well, read it repeatedly and memorize it persistently

(1) To know the Word Well, Read it Continually

(2) To know the Word Well, Study it Carefully

(3) To know the Word Well, Memorize it Persistently

## Conclusion