

nov 8

the shield of faith

"above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." eph 6:16

have you awakened to the fact that Christ is really alive in you in the person of His Holy Spirit? "at that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you." john 14:20 today, fix your thoughts not on who you are, or what you are, or why you are, but on where you are; in Christ Himself.

we know Jesus is positioned in the Father. since you are in Him, you are in a good place. we must draw confidence and strength knowing that. and knowing that, nothing can get to you that does not first have to pass through God the Father and God the Son to reach you. and if it penetrates that shield and gets that far, you can rest in the fact there is a purpose for it in your life. Christ is taking care of the outside of you and the inside of you also. what better place to have your being today?

are you aware the entire Godhead - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is at work in you? you and i are the visible "body of Christ" to a world so desperately in need of His touch. you are vitally important to God, and His body will never be complete without you serving the part to which you were assigned. there is something for you to do in Christ's body; something no one else can do like you. perhaps a word, an act, a

gift or a prayer. are you doing your part?

the talents and gifts have been given and the Master is soon coming to receive an increase of what was given.

you will recognize your own gifting. it's the thing you love to do. if mercy is your gift, you will find your greatest joy in reaching out to those in need; perhaps more specifically draw to children or adults.

one great lesson i have learned in my life - that whatever you do or however willingly, if you don't do it with love, it is of no value. God's measure is love. it is the standard for God - love.

it was love that allowed the nails to be driven into his flesh and the spear to pierce His side. it was love that forgave them even as they were mocking His torment. "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." luke 23:34

"but without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." heb 11:6 yes, and our purpose is to please God.

i think of the classic book, "your God is too small." "now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." matt 13:58 just think - it is only our faith that can limit a limitless God. that's only true in this age of grace. there will be no limits when judgement is pronounced.

have you taken up your shield of faith? we know we

have the word of God as our sword, but only the shield can protect against the fiery darts of the enemy. we will need the whole armor to withstand the great deception of lies that will be hurled against believers in the coming times. we must be fully armed with a foundation that is certain under our feet. when no one else stands with you, Christ will be at your side.

hold fast. our Lord is coming.