



# SHIELD OF FAITH

"Take Up the Shield of Faith" - Paul

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*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:9*

## **An Honest Confession**

I remember closing out my teens years with a burden. Sin is like that. It is spiritual weight. And the more we sin, the more the burden weighs. The burden gets heavier.

What I learned in my late teens is that God made a way for me — for us — to eliminate the burden of sin.

This is such a powerful gift. You'd think it would be widely known, and that everyone would want it. But this isn't the case. In fact, the idea that there is a way for the spirit of man to be relieved of this heavy burden has fallen on hard times. This glorious idea has been replaced by pop psychology's notion of counseling, and by psychiatry, with the practice of drug use.

The partnership of state and science took reason out of the equation. Now all religion in the West is practiced as if it were a superstition. The spirit of man is withering, our minds cut off from the root of imagination — spiritual truth. We can't even debate spiritual things anymore. People simply scroll on by.

And sin is truth. Sin is a fact. We ignore this fact — risking our eternal lives, happiness and contentment.

When I deepened my commitment to Jesus Christ in my late teens I wanted to know more. I remain passionate about figuring out why the decision I made meant so much to me. This desire to know more, to reason, led me to a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. I wanted to continue my work in the academe, but God had other things in mind for me.

He sent me out to create a family, and fight against the consequences of sin in Maine. This willingness to fight for righteousness put me into politics. I started fighting the sodomy lobby in my late twenties. God prepared me for this fight by exposing me to the rotten fruit of sodomy as I emerged from puberty. There has never been a shred of confusion in my soul about the extreme wickedness of this idea.

The release of my burden of guilt from my mid-teen sins fueled my inability to compromise with this deathstyle. And that is all I see now from Western Christianity — compromise with sodomy. This will not stand. It cannot. We are created with a spirit. It is a good thing, not an evil thing. Satan is always working to weaken the spirit so that he can bring death to God's creation. He hates God.

But the essential goodness of our spirits cannot be destroyed. Satan will lose. He always does.

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Is is always simply a matter of time.

I'm not saying that America is going to emerge from the crisis unscathed. In fact, the America so many of us deplorables fight to sustain has probably been gone for a long time. It's never coming back.

What I am saying is that nothing like the America that Donald Trump wants is going to survive long into the future. The other nations of the world aren't going to tolerate it. Thank God. We need to stop tolerating it as well.

Whether we know it or not we all want our families back. We all want dads and moms. We need real love, not lust. We can't build anything good without honest dealing — trust. We need truth from our leaders, not constant politics ... corrupt politics at that. We're starving, hungry for the virtues.

Instead of a war designed to maintain the status quo where the deplorables are propagandized by the oligarchs to fight and die in another one of their global conflicts we see equal justice return as the rule in the West. You know what equal justice is ... right? That's where everyone is held to the same standard of justice. The advantage provided by money and power goes away. That's equal justice.

We're seeing it begin in the West. It must continue. Epstein and Clinton need justice. Justice for Trump. Justice for me ... and you.

Why?

Because real justice brings repentance. It puts us face-to-face with our own sins. The law is a schoolmaster. It leads us to confession.

And as John rightly noted in his epistle, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Imagine a world where the leaders of our institutions confessed their sins, instead of either hiding or justifying them. We're all embedded in a usurious, wicked and sexual-sin soaked culture. Instead of a war, imagine national repentance for our debt-dependent, sexually promiscuous lifestyles.

Imagine what would happen if parents and grandparents confessed, repented and then dedicated themselves to fixing the crisis they created before they pass on to their reward.

I have no interest in the retirement lifestyle that I see on display in America. It is sad to think that so many dads and moms who know better, who have the benefit of wisdom, choose to live out their final years cut off by "prosperity" from their children and grandchildren.

They should be fighting their way into the lives of their progeny. That's what good men and women do. They fight for righteousness. They fight — not to save themselves. They fight for their children. They fight to sustain what is good in the culture that nourished them.

God isn't going to help us if we don't choose to help ourselves by doing the right thing.

It always begins with an honest confession.

Amen.