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Any parent [Eph. 6:4], pastor [Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 13:17] or member of a congregation who does not care for the soul's salvation of either the children or young people within their midst *cannot possibly be a Christian* [Matt. 18:6-11; 2 Tim. 3:15]. Even the weakest Christian with the smallest amount of knowledge of the doctrine of the last days can see how *serious* and how *severe* Satan's terrible attacks [Matt. 24:21-22, 44], especially on our young people, are at this time. Surely everyone in our midst recognises that the youth are the future soldiers of the cross within our Federation, whose duty will be to carry on 'the good fight of faith' (1 Tim. 6:12) and pass on the pure Word to others (2 Tim. 2:2) until the Lord comes.

If we, by God's grace, and through the power of God's Word, are to carry out our SACRED OBLIGATION to our youth two matters of VITAL IMPORTANCE need to be faithfully heeded:

[I] **How absolutely crucial it is** for the home, the congregation, and the pastor to work together to carry out this holy mission.

[II] In what **practical, Scriptural ways** can the home, the congregation and the pastor work together to keep the youth with Christ.

I.

[I] **How absolutely crucial it is** for the home, the congregation, and the pastor to work together to carry out this holy mission.

GOD'S COMMAND

God has commanded each of these three agencies in the Church - the home, the congregation, and the pastor that an essential feature of their responsibility is the *salvation of the youth*.

God has laid the vital responsibility on *parents* to give all their children, especially the youth, a *Christian upbringing*, Eph. 6:1-4; Ps. 78:1-8; Deut. 6:1-9. When children become adults and set up their own home, the areas of responsibilities and the approach of parents may change. But *never* does there come a time when parents can say: *Now we need no longer care for the salvation of our children!*

Holy Scripture clearly teaches that *the members of the congregation are mutually responsible* for the spiritual welfare of every soul in its midst, especially the young people (Gen. 4:9; Ezek. 3:17-21; Matt. 18:12-20; John 21:15-19). Every time a young Christian is received into communicant membership, during the rite of confirmation, the congregation pledges to care for its youth as the pastor reminds them of their sacred responsibility: "... lovingly to receive into your midst these dear children, who have this day consecrated themselves anew to Christ. **Offend them not, for their blood will be required at your hands on the Day of Judgement.** Prove yourselves unto them, as becometh the saints of God, true spiritual brothers and sisters, frequently reminding them of the promise and profession here made, and *setting them a holy example in word and deed*, till we shall be gathered before the throne of God." (*Church Liturgy for Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Australia*, p.148).

By virtue of his divine call, *the divinely appointed shepherd* of the flock, the pastor, has to answer for and give account for *all* the souls under his charge. (John 21:15-19; 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 4:16; Heb. 13:17) Especially should he consider it a *precious privilege* and a

high honour to do all in his power out of love to the Chief Shepherd to give a shepherd's care to the young people under his charge and to see to it, by God's grace, that not one of these precious souls are lost due to his neglect or fault.

Therefore, *it is God's holy will that the home, the congregation and the pastor co-operate in carrying out this vital task.*

THREE AGENCIES

If either of these three groups NEGLECT their responsibilities or refuse to work together in keeping the youth with Christ, God will hold them responsible for the loss of that soul.

HOME

Some examples will help to drive this home. It is extremely destructive to the faith of their youth when parents neglect God's Word and family devotions (Prov. 13:13). How can we expect our young people to grow up steadfastly resisting Satan, when parents make no effort lovingly to discuss spiritual matters in the home, to warn and admonish them against sin and error often and to comfort them in distress (*note* the warning example of what happened to Eli's sons because of their father's neglect, 1 Sam.3:10-14). What shameful hypocrisy when parents give the appearance of being Christian and go to church regularly, but in their home life undermine the faith of their children by setting them a terrible example by their bitter arguments, filthy language, explosive temper, or worldliness in the form of gambling, drunkenness, viewing dirty television shows! Surely, the youth will think: *If this is all Christ means to my parents, why should I bother with Him?*

Parents, when your pastor lovingly warns against mixed marriages, the lust-arousing dance, indecent movies and other spiritual dangers, can you see how *it won't be long before you will lose your youth* if you do not support your pastor's shepherding care? Sadly some parents even oppose the pastor by letting their children do as they please in sinful matters and telling the pastor, 'Mind your own business!'

PASTOR

If pastors merely perform their duties mechanically, but do not go out of their way to gain the confidence of the youth, to show that they care for their soul's salvation, to listen to their troubles and patiently and lovingly guide them at the right moment with the Word [see how Christ deals with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, John 3:1-16; 4:7-42; Martha, Luke 10:38-42], the spiritual disease may not be helped early enough and the soul lost. Worse still, if the pastor is afraid to upset people and refuses to warn the youth against the evils of the times and especially the sins endangering his flock, by his silence he gives them a first class ticket to hell (Ezek. 3:17-21).

CONGREGATION

Paul warned the *Corinthian Congregation* against disunity and its destructive effects (1 Cor. 1:10; 3:3-11). Because of error, lack of love and disunity, Paul warned the Galatian Christians: "*But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another*" (Gal. 5:15). In John 15:9 Jesus Himself urges us: "*As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: CONTINUE IN MY LOVE.*" Dr. Luther states on this verse:

"Therefore we Christians must constantly be on our guard against the devil's skill and trickery.... Even though we are tempted to become bitter and hateful, we must suppress such feelings and remind ourselves not to let our mutual love die, but firmly cling to it. And even if resentment or disunity does arise, we must re-establish and strengthen our

mutual love. For, to begin to love is not very difficult, but as Christ says in this passage, ABIDING IN LOVE IS TRULY AN ART AND A VIRTUE....”

Again *Luther* says:

“WHERE THERE IS NO LOVE, THERE DOCTRINE CANNOT REMAIN PURE.” (Quoted in *Essays for the Church*, Walther, II, pp.57-58).

STEADFASTNESS OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

Dear precious young people, as those redeemed and purchased by the blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19), live for Jesus (2 Cor. 5:15, 17) and glorify God in your body (1 Cor. 6:20). I beg of you, please don't let Satan, the wicked world, the sins, weaknesses and bad examples of others, tear you from the bond of Christ's redeeming love (Rom. 8:38-39). Let the faithful examples of Joseph in resisting the sin of adultery, Daniel's steadfastness in the face of hungry lions, the refusal of the three friends of Daniel to worship the idol, the Jewish servant girl's testimony to Naaman of the true faith, young Samuel's zeal for the Lord, the loyalty to the Lord as shown by Ruth, the devotion of Mary the mother of Jesus to her Saviour, the courageous testimony of Stephen and young Timothy's determination to be a true shepherd in the face of bitter opposition, inspire you to stand up for Jesus in these last days and not be afraid to carry high the banner of God's pure Word which the older ones as they go to their gracious reward are passing on to you.

When a young Christian falls from the faith and is lost to the Lord, that person must first and foremost accept responsibility for that fall from grace (Mark 16:16; Hos. 13:9). However, not only the pastor, but also the home and the congregation ought to ask themselves: '*Have we done everything possible through God's Word to keep that soul with Jesus?*' When we think of how *blessed* the welfare of our youth will be when all these three agencies work together, the question that should especially be in our minds is: "*What can we do and what are we doing to encourage our youth to remain with Christ and His Word?*"

II.

[III] *In what **practical, Scriptural ways** can the home, the congregation and the pastor work together to keep the youth with Christ.*

During every age of the Christian Church Satan, the godless world and the sinful corrupt flesh have sought to destroy the faith of the Child of God. As we get closer to Judgement Day the evil assaults on our youth will increase. Therefore more than ever before is it necessary to "*put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*" (Eph. 6:11).

In this *holy war* that we are fighting - a life and death struggle for the salvation of our youth - it is absolutely crucial to know *against whom* we are fighting, what *cunning plans* the foe is following, what *strategies of war* are being used, what *his strength* is, who his *allies* are and how we can be *victorious*. *Dr. Walther* writes:

“Without this knowledge even the bravest and strongest army is in great danger of being tricked into ruin and defeated; but with this knowledge the victory is already half won.” (*Epistle Sermons*, p.454).

1. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

It is important to identify exactly what sins Satan is using to try to destroy our youth. Even though it is far

3. WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

1. All of these matters are connected in some way with the **CATECHISM** and

from being exhaustive, we note the following:

- * Spiritual lukewarmness and irreverence for God's Word
- * Putting other things like sport, money, etc. ahead of God's Word
- * Fear and worry about the future
- * Taking of wrong oaths
- * Lack of certainty and doubt concerning Christian doctrine
- * Sinful unionism
- * Hypocrisy in our confession and actions
- * Lack of faithful prayer
- * Laxity concerning family and private devotions, as well as church attendance and Bible studies
- * Disobedience to Scripture
- * Not judging doctrine on the basis of the Word
- * Disobedience, disrespect, cold in love towards parents
- * Wrong attitude to all those whom God has placed over us in authority
- * Violence, suicide, abortion, euthanasia, birth control, verbal abuse, revenge, life threatening drugs, uncontrolled anger
- * Greed, selfishness, failure to help others in need
- * Adultery, homosexuality and all forms of sexual sin
- * Drunkenness wild indecent parties, attendance at lust promoting dances and night clubs, indecent dress
- * Marriage no longer regarded as sacred, broken engagements, divorces, bickering and fighting between spouses
- * Vile movies and videos, books, jokes, songs and magazines
- * Refusal to adhere to the roles God has given men and women in the home and church
- * Inability for young married couples to discuss problems without strife
- * Young people living together in sexual sin
- * Ignorance of the responsibilities of married life
- * Mixed marriages
- * Gambling, wastefulness of time and possessions, dishonesty
- * Lying, slandering, gossiping
- * Allowing the evil lusts of the heart to remain and grow
- * Evolution, ignorance of the errors of other false teaching churches
- * Strife and disunity in the church
- * Lack of love for one another's welfare
- * Doubts concerning our faith
- * Pride, sinful ambition, despair

Dr Walther urges us to take note of two other points in

ought to be regularly treated by the PASTOR in

- a) Sermons
- b) Bible Studies
- c) Devotions
- d) Steadfast and other writings

by the PARENTS in

- a) family and private devotions
- b) special studies, using videos as help
- c) private discussions

by members of the CONGREGATION in

- a) their daily life and conduct
- b) and in their conversation showing what the Bible says about them

PASTOR AND HOME

2. In all of these matters a deep appeal must be made to the heart as to how SINFUL and dangerous these things are.
3. The greatness of the CONSEQUENCES must be vividly pointed out stressing not only the earthly punishments, but also eternal damnation.
4. As always the Gospel of our Saviour's death and the love, pardon and forgiveness we have from Christ must predominate.
5. If the power of the Gospel truly dwells in the heart, people will want to do God's will in these matters. Lovingly, perseveringly and patiently keep appealing to them to LIVE for Jesus.
6. As the person responds for Jesus in the particular point offer the encouragement: How much Jesus is pleased by this, and how He will richly and graciously bless them.
7. Produce specific articles which treat of these matters in depth in a Scriptural way and make a special study of them.
8. Keep cuttings when the consequences of these evils are

speaking on the **“WILES OF THE DEVIL”** (Eph. 6:11). *“These wiles consist chiefly in this that, when Satan intends to overcome us, he does not meet us in his recognisable form, but transforms himself into an angel of light. That is, if he wants to hurl us into error, he presents it as truth and uses God’s Word to that end; if he wants to hurl us into sin, he presents the sin as a virtue, or as something permitted, innocent, insignificant, if he wants to persuade us to fall from God, he presents this, as he did to the first people, as simply coming closer to God and becoming like God.*

“When we think we are farthest away from Satan, e.g., when we pray, when we hear and read God’s Word or when we are among upright Christians, then Satan is the closest and tries to take the seed of the Word from our hearts and nullify the blessing of fellowship. He does not attack us in the points where we are strong, but where we are weak and where he detects a breach in the wall surrounding our heart, there he forces his way in. The one he therefore, tempts with pride, another with lust, a third with greed and worry about food, a fourth with wrath and irreconcilableness, a fifth with envy, a sixth with dishonesty and unfaithfulness, a seventh with false doctrine, and so forth. Thus he accommodates himself exactly to the different inclinations which he perceives in the poor Christian. The one he attempts to draw into his net by riches, happiness, honour and good days, another by poverty, unhappiness, disgrace and misery of all kinds. The one he does not disturb for a long time and then suddenly falls upon him with even more fearful might in order to hurl him unexpectedly into a great sin; another who has just conquered him and rejoices over this fact he immediately assails again from a different side in order to make him torpid (sluggish, Ed.) and tired with a second, third, fourth cunning attack in quick succession and thus still draw him into the abyss.” (Epistles, Walther, pp.454-455.) [Italicized emphasis is the essayist’s.]

brought out or how God has graciously blessed those who are faithful and hold them up as an example and use them as a basis for discussion.

9. In the HOME and especially in the sermon, Bible Study and Sunday School from the earliest age possible encourage the children to understand how cunningly Satan works. What their particular weaknesses are and show them how the power of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel gives them the strength to overcome Satan and how in the Law we have the Lord’s guide for our life.
10. Make the distinction between Law and Gospel a very personal element in the life of the child from young up.

2. WHAT ARE THE MEANS SATAN USES IN ORDER TO GET OUR YOUTH TO FORSAKE CHRIST?

- a) Television, radio, music, literature, magazines, videos

All of these things can be used for good, but in many instances Satan has perverted them for the eternal ruin of our youth. Through the use of brainwashing techniques the worldly media are constantly presenting godless lifestyles as if they were normal and even beneficial for our youth. By constant repetition of this and even through ridiculing Christian truths, virtues and

11. With television either
 - a) Shut it off completely
 - b) carefully screen programmes
 - c) regularly discuss and explain WHY various programmes or attitudes or beliefs revealed are WRONG.
12. Train children from an early age NOT to blindly follow any one, but to EXAMINE all matters in the light of God’s Word.

<p>morals, the youth are in danger of being spiritually perverted. Many Christian doctrines are often attacked or the Bible held in contempt as a book of legends and myths. So-called experts present a one-sided (often wrong-sided) view of issues and if the observer does not judge things from Scripture, the ignorant person may say: 'Well, if that authority says so, it must be right.' If television can persuade people to buy a certain product, imagine how much it is influencing us towards an evil lifestyle. Rock music is a pagan religion. Television brings moral filth and warped views of spiritual things into every home. Most of the people behind the media are unbelievers and it is now one of the most powerful forms of controlling the mind and the development of attitudes in the community.</p>	<p>13. Make them aware of the destructive nature of either too much or the wrong use of these avenues.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>b) Educational system</p> </div> <p>As the community itself departs more and more from God's Word, so we must expect that in areas of science, religion, philosophy, morals and discipline Satan is going to do his utmost to destroy the faith of our children. Our children will also be influenced by the evil ways of other children.</p>	<p>14. Parents and Pastor must keep constant contact with the schools and do their best to counter these evil influences with God's Word.</p> <p>15. Children must be encouraged to stand up for Jesus and confess their faith, even if they suffer ridicule as a result.</p> <p>16. The CONGREGATION can assist by providing fellowship activities and Scriptural materials for the young.</p>
<p>WORDLY FRIENDS AND PEER PRESSURE.</p> <p>This is an extremely difficult problem for our youth especially because of the small size of our Federation. An easily-led child or one who is allowed to do what he likes, or a deceptive child, will be easily misled by bad company. Young people at this age crave company of their own age group and don't see the pitfalls of worldly friends. The power behind the way a group speaks, dresses, and uses their leisure is enormous at this age. Here in particular the obsessive emphasis on dating and the difficulties with mixed marriages often are crucial problems.</p>	<p>17. Lengthy studies on this whole subject need to be undertaken from the Scriptural perspective.</p> <p>18. Love, understanding, care and guidance on the part of parents here is important especially to be able to listen to the concerns of the youth, to be able to talk with them and help them.</p> <p>19. Fellowship activities within the church are vital.</p> <p>20. Wholesome hobbies and activities like sport can also with care be usefully employed.</p> <p>21. Parents must spend time with their young people and become their close friend.</p>
<p>STABLE, HAPPY HOME LIFE</p> <p>Where God's Word does not rule, where there is constant, arguing and strife, where there is a lack of</p>	<p>22. Learn a fair, consistent, Scriptural system for teaching and disciplining children in which both parents are united.</p>

discipline and guidance, when young people find home life a constant battle ground, they are going to be driven away from the Lord. Just as many of the youth are not prepared for marriage, so many parents have no idea as how to raise children. They know very little about how to teach, discipline and control their children. They often know nothing about the temperaments of their children, their physical and emotional development and how to handle their children. Often the children are driven away as a consequence of harsh and wrong treatment.

23. Learn about and take an interest in the spiritual, emotional, physical development of your child.
24. All children cannot be handled in the same way. Therefore learn about their different natures and temperaments and the best way to handle them.
25. Try to understand the reason why they do something. Deal with them with LOVE, KINDNESS and FIRMNESS.
26. Don't treat the older youth as young children.
27. Lovingly teach them a God-pleasing way of resolving conflict, e.g. Prov. 15:1.
28. Make home the happiest place for them to be.
29. Keep a proper balance between:
Spiritual matters
School/work
Relaxation
Rest
Exercise
30. Keep them busy with wholesome things.
31. Have regular family time together.

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES

As Satan's plan for a 'new world order', a one world church and a one world government are increasingly put into effect, we can expect more destructive consequences for the church. In order to achieve these goals those behind the scenes have admitted that a massive propaganda campaign is under way. All Christian teachings and moral truths have come under attack.

Whereas once our governments kept some form of outward curb or check on public decency and morals, now because very few people respect the Word of God, many of these barriers have been broken down.

This will of necessity affect our Federation and our young people. Increased unemployment, greater pressure on parents financially to make ends meet, greater numbers of divorces, legalisation of prostitution,

32. Be aware of what is happening so that a Christian with God's help can do his utmost to combat these evil influences, 1 Peter 5:8.
33. With ever increasing earnestness teach your children God's Word, 2 Tim. 4:2.
34. In true faith commit your welfare to Christ, trust in Him, be faithful to His Word, and in fervent prayer ask the Lord to care for His children as He has promised, 1 Peter 5:7.
35. Do not despair, but firmly believe the Lord is in control working all things for the good of His children, Romans 8:28.

<p>homosexuality, and harmful drugs, easier access to vile pornography, a 'don't work but live off the government' mentality, increasing incidence of violence, crime, rape, and murder, are but a few of the evils we face.</p> <p>Worse still, attempts will be made to decrease freedom of speech and religion. Some of the possible dangers are: Parents will be prohibited from lawfully spanking their children, churches will not be allowed to 'discriminate' against homosexuals, adulterers, women ministers and other churches and religions. Attempts to force a godless, social gospel, Christ-destroying one-world religion upon our youth may be made, attempting to compel them to believe that Christianity and all other religions are on an equal level.</p> <p>Since many visible church bodies will go along with this apostasy, the pressure on our ELCR and on our young people to conform will be powerful. A true child of God will endure much hatred in confessing Christ.</p>	<p>36. Joyfully look forward to Christ's coming on Judgement Day. Do your utmost to fill the hearts of your children with this spirit, Luke 21:28; Titus 2:13.</p> <p>37. Following the principles of God's Word</p> <p>1) speak out against evil, Matt. 10:32</p> <p>2) Carry out your responsibilities as Christian citizens to the full, Matt. 22:21.</p> <p>38. Throw ourselves with the power of God's grace in devoting every moment of our time to serving the Lord, Eccl. 9:10; Gal. 4:18.</p> <p>39. Comfort and support one another with God's Word and make fullest use of Christian fellowship and hospitality, 1 Thess. 4:18; 1 Peter 4:9.</p>
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HOME

Further to what has already been stated, the following points are also vital:

1. Begin early with a Christ-centred instruction in God's Word; learn the Catechism and sing hymns together as a family. 2 Tim. 3:15.
2. Help your children to become responsible for their actions.
3. Remain in control of your emotions, no matter how sensitive or difficult the situation, Prov. 14:17, 29.
4. Know what your young people are doing, who their friends are and at all times show that you care for them and love them.
5. Admit your mistakes; don't let pride destroy your bond with your children.
6. Don't spoil your children, but encourage them to appreciate the value of things.
7. Don't preach or lecture to them, but learn how to discuss matters with them in a 'heart to heart' manner.

PASTOR

1. Parents go to the pastor and seek his help.
2. Pastors should try to be a real friend to both parents and young people.
3. While the pastor cannot yield in matters relating to God's Word, yet it is important to bear with the youth (while they are willing to submit to God's Word), to understand their emotional make up, their problems, and lovingly help them step by step through these difficulties.
4. Especially in Luther League activities and pastoral visits the pastor can show himself a true shepherd to the youth, by gaining their confidence, offering a word of encouragement, giving an understanding ear to whatever troubles them, lovingly and gently guiding them away from spiritual dangers.
5. Systematically, as the spiritual teacher of the youth at every opportunity from the Word of God the pastor ought to give them timely spiritual help to meet the difficulties that arise.
6. Providing it is not against God's Word bear with those foibles and unusual ways that are characteristic of youth until they mature.

CONGREGATION

1. The older members should not despise the young people, but take a special interest in them showing that they genuinely care for their spiritual welfare and enlist and prepare them for future service in the congregation, e.g. Sunday School Teachers, office bearers in the Luther Society.
2. Remember our aim is: in childhood the Christian character has been *formed*, during the adolescent period [ages 14-24] this Christian character needs to be *developed*. Older members of the congregation easily forget that they passed through the same experiences of adolescence, so they must not fail to understand the minds of young people, nor misjudge their actions, but sympathetically help them with their problems.
3. The congregation should encourage the youth regularly to attend
 - a) public worship and Holy Communion
 - b) Bible studies
 - c) Luther League activities
 - d) Fellowship Day
 - e) other fellowship activities.
4. It would be a *good thing* if the older members of the Luther League took a special interest in the younger members.
5. Every effort should be made to maintain a stable, loving, friendly, God-pleasing spirit within the congregation.

No matter how difficult problems become in these last days, by God's grace, we must not, we dare not give up. With strength and wisdom given by the Gospel we must be determined to do all we can to keep our youth with Christ. It is wrong even to think of giving up. Such an attitude is not becoming of the true Christian Church to whom Christ has given the power of His Word, Rom. 1:17.

Christ's Word is mightier than the wicked world and the evil that Satan can hurl at us (John 17:14-17). Without ceasing let us bear witness to the Word, publicly and privately, as each situation requires. Let us with the Word boldly uncover the evils which threaten our youth and calmly and lovingly show what GOD has said about these matters.

Above all let us not grow weary of placing before our youth their glorious heavenly inheritance through the Word of the Gospel, 1 Peter 1:3-4. If the heart grasps this heavenly inheritance which we possess through Christ, that person will of himself or herself abandon the filth of this world. Let us not despair! Let us not lay down our weapons! Now is the time to fight Satan as never before. Holy Scripture says: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4). True Christians will daily overcome the world if they continue to hold fast to the Word by faith.

Without true spiritual *courage* the victory will not be gained. That is why we are urged: "BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT." (Eph. 6:10). With the courage Christ gives us we will not flee in the face of such a great task nor will we surrender the fortress of God's Word. In all that we do, let us follow Christ, go to meet the foe and bravely fight. Let us despair of our own strength, power, might! Let us seek strength alone in Christ! Rely on Him completely! Believing firmly that if you follow Christ victory is assured, *divine wisdom* is at your disposal against which no enemy can outwit, *divine power* is in your possession over which nothing can overcome. Confessing your sins to Christ, and standing in His grace by faith, He does the fighting for you.

As well equipped soldiers let us *all* take upon ourselves:

- 1) *the belt of truth*, of an upright, unhypocritical life, so that you do not stumble in battle
- 2) *the breast-plate* of righteousness, an upright unoffending life toward every person
- 3) *the shoes of the Gospel of peace*, being assured of the peace Christ gives, thereby we are moved to live in peace with each other
- 4) *the helmet* of salvation by grace
- 5) *the shield of faith* whereby the fiery arrows of Satan are quenched
- 6) *the Sword of the Spirit*, which is God's Word and
- 7) *prayer*.