Answer Key:

The Armor...

- describes
- distinct purpose
- outfit
- advance
- gospel

What does Jesus say about the Word?

- defense
- words
- witness
- truth
- redemption

Why is the Word important to us?

- revelation
- love
- handbook
- opportunity

Chew on it...

- SIN
 PROMISE
 ATTITUDE
 COMMAND
 EXAMPLE
 PRAYER
- ERROR TRUTH SOMETHING

Putting on Jesus

"Give Me A Word"

Part 6

Ephesians 6:17 NLT

"...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Introductory Statement

The purpose of the sword of the Spirit—the Bible—is to make us strong and able to withstand the evil onslaughts of Satan, our enemy (Psalm 119:11, 33–40, 99–105). The Holy Spirit uses the power of the Word to save souls and then to give them spiritual strength to be mature soldiers for the Lord in fighting this corrupt and evil world we live in. The more we know and understand the Word of God, the more useful we will be in doing the will of God and the more effective we will be in standing against the enemy of our souls.

The Armor...

• The armor of God is an illustration in the Bible that reminds Christians about the reality of spiritual battle and _____

the protection available to them.

Each piece of armor has a ______

_____ and means of defense against temptation and

evil.

Ephesians 6:13 NLT

Therefore, <u>put on every piece of God's armor</u> so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. <u>Then after the battle you will</u>

<u>still be standing firm.</u>

• The armor of God in the Bible is an ______ of

spiritual protection against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:17 NLT

"...take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

• The word of God helps us _____ and puts

Satan on the defense

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any doubleedged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints

and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

• As believers of Jesus Christ, Christians understand that the

_____ is God's power for salvation.

Ephesians 1:13 NIV

"...you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of

truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,"

What does Jesus say about the Word?

• Jesus seems to say a lot about God's Word. He uses God's Word as a

_____ against the devil's temptations.

Matthew 4:1-11 NIV

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted

by the devil. Lord your God, and serve him only...Then the devil left

him, and angels came and attended him.

• He frequently quoted the Old Testament in his sermons, and that God's

_____ will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass

away."

• In other words, they are immutable, unchanging, and timeless... he says

Scripture bears ______ about him and abides

by Scripture.

John 5:39 NIV

"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them

you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify

about me,"

• He seems to place a rather large importance on it, as Scripture speaks

John 17:17NIV

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

• Only God could have put the Bible together. The Bible contains 66 books written over 2000 years by 40 authors—and it has one theme,

Luke 24:27 NLT

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"Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning

himself."

Why is the Word important to us?

• The importance of the Bible is based on the fact that it is the

______ of God to us. Scripture is God's Word to humankind.

John 1:1-2,14 NLT

"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."

We read, He speaks, we are <u>transformed</u>. When we study the Bible together, God promises to reveal Himself, to <u>teach us</u> how to obey Him, and to <u>show us</u> how to love one another. When we are changed to become more like Jesus, our family, workplaces, and communities will be <u>eternally impacted</u>.

• the Bible God's ______ letter to us.

•it as our ______ for life.

•The Bible is that it gives us the ______ to see

and know God.

Chew on it...

...question you can ask of Scripture.

1. Is there a	to confess?
2. Is there a	to claim?
3. Is there an	to change?
4. Is there a	to obey?
5. Is there an	to follow?
6. Is there a	to pray?
7. Is there an	to avoid?
8. Is there a	to believe?
9. Is there	for which to praise
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God?

Despite all the attacks, today the Bible is the greatest single source for so many cultural achievements. It's the greatest source for music, art, and architecture. If you took the Bible out of culture, you would destroy most of the major music, artwork, and architecture of the past 2,000 years. Even much of our English language comes from the King James Bible. The Bible has flourished in spite of unrelenting attacks during the past 2,000 years.