

Paul uses one of two terms commonly used for the 'Word of God.' Rhema is the spoken, revealed, or specific Word of God for a particular situation. It often refers to God speaking to a person directly, either through the Holy Spirit, Scripture, or prophecy. See Matt 4:4 and Romans 10:17 where Rhema is used. More commonly the word Logos is used. Logos refers to the general, revealed, and written Word of God. It is the unchanging truth of Scripture. Logos can also refer to Jesus Christ Himself, as seen in John 1:1.

<b>Logos (General Word)</b>	<b>Rhema (Spoken Word)</b>
The Bible as a whole	A specific verse or message applied personally
Eternal and unchanging	Timely and directed for a situation
For all people, at all times	For an individual, at a specific time
Provides doctrine, truth, and guidance (2 Tim 3:16-17)	Provides faith, encouragement, and direction

### Read Ephesians 6:17-18

1. What is the significance of the sword being associated with the Spirit? Read Hebrew 4:12. Also think about how the sword differs from the other pieces of armour.
2. How does the Word of God function as a weapon in spiritual warfare?
3. How does the Word of God function as a shield in spiritual warfare?
4. In what ways is the Sword of the Spirit both offensive and defensive in battle?
5. How did Jesus use the Sword of the Spirit when tempted by Satan in Matthew 4:1-11? What can we learn from His example?
6. How can we effectively wield the Sword of the Spirit in our daily lives? Can you recall a time when you used Scripture to resist temptation or encourage someone? What was the outcome?
7. What are some practical ways to grow in our knowledge and application of the Word of God? Joshua 1:8, Psalm 119:11, James 1:22
8. How can memorising Scripture strengthen your faith and spiritual battles? What verses can you memorise this week?
9. How can using the gifts of the Spirit help us to fight spiritual battles? Is this what Paul meant by "all kinds of prayers" in v18?

## Prayer Points

Please pray for people who are going to the baptismal information sessions. Pray that they may know God's leading, blessing and grace.

Pray for all the Easter preparations as they come together to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus

Pray for revival among the believers in Cambodia. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give Christians a deep desire to share the gospel with their neighbours and practically demonstrate God's love.

## Sermon Notes



# BIBLE STUDY

April 6<sup>th</sup> 2025

## **The Armour of God: The Sword of the Spirit Ephesians 6:17-18**

As we read in our series on Daniel last year, an unseen battle is going on around us in the spiritual realm. In Paul's letter we see that God has provided everything we need to stand firm and resist evil, but we are called to be actively aware of both the struggle and the resources available.

In Ephesians 6 the apostle Paul gives us the clearest description anywhere in Scripture of believers' resources for the spiritual battle. He vividly describes them as armour, which we must repeatedly take up in prayerful reliance on God.

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