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The Christian's Sword

(Eph 6:17 NIV) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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(Heb 4:12 NIV) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

God’s Word Is Like:
◦ A mirror A hammer
◦ A fire A seed
◦ A light A sword
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**God's Word Is Powerful And Effective** (Isa 55:11 NIV) ... my word that goes out from my mouth: ... will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

**The Bible Equips The Christian** (2 Tim 3:16 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness
The Purpose Of The Written Word

To Believe In Christ -- John 20:31

To Build Faith -- Rom 10:17

To Give Us Hope -- Rom 15:4

To Stimulate Wholesome Thinking -- 2 Pet 3:1
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Should Be Correctly Handled (2 Tim 2:15 NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Keeps Us From Error (Mark 12:24 NIV) Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?"
The Believer Should Remember Or Recall The Words Of God

(2 Pet 3:2 NIV) I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.
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God's Word Helps Us To Be Prepared To Give An Answer For The Hope That We Have

(1 Pet 3:15 NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect
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This Sword Is “The Word Became Flesh”:

- Jesus Is The Personal Message Of God
- Jesus Is The Word
- Jesus Is The Message To Man
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(John 5:39 NIV) You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, (40) yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

It Is Jesus --The Living Word -- Who Gives Us Life!

Jesus Is The Word That Gives Life
We Can Know The Word Personally
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POWER IN THE BLOOD -- Shed For Our Victory

(John 1:29 NIV) ... "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

(1 Pet 1:19 NIV) (We Are Redeemed) with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
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(Mat 26:28 NIV) This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

*Without The Shed Blood Of Jesus -- All Our Spiritual Weaponry Doesn't Really Mean A Thing*
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The Shed Blood Of Christ Has:

- Justified Us
- Redeemed Us
- Reconciled Us To God
- Purified Us

(Rev 12:11 NIV) They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
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The Sword Of The Spirit Answers The Question: How Do We Stand Against The Attacks Of The Enemy?

- We Must Stand Without Compromise
- We Must Stand To Withstand The Efforts Of The Enemy
- There Is A Battle To Be Fought And Won
- The Sword Is Our Weapon Of Offense
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God’s Word Can Be Comforting OR Frightening

- It Can Slay The Enemy OR Cut To The Center Of Our Hearts
- God’s Word Is Alive And Active
- The Same Word That Gives Life Can Cut Away And Crucify All That Is Not Life In Us
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*We Are In A Battle Between*

- Right And Wrong
- Light And Dark
- Holy And Evil

*The Word Cuts To The Heart And Differentiates*
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The Holy Spirit Uses Weapons Of Spiritual Warfare

- Chief Among Them Is The All-Powerful -- Unchanging -- Word Of God

- God Has Many Means Of Defeating The -- All Of Them Revolve Around The Word

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NIV) — 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.
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*The Sword Is Our Weapon:*

- It Can Stab The Heart, Remove The Tongue, And Shut The Mouth Of The Enemy
- It Is Divinely Designed To Fit Every Life, Every Hand, Every Situation
- It Equips And Energizes Us – It Empowers Us

As We Spend Time In The Word – Living It And Enacting It... It Becomes A Precision Instrument To Destroy The Advances And Attacks Of The Enemy
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*The Word Is Your Weapon:*

- Take It Up-- Get It In Your Heart -- Your Mind -- Your Hands
  Speak It With Your Lips
- It Will Fit (and Stand Up To) Every Situation
- It Will Make You An Overcoming Warrior

*I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word, I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.*