

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. *Ephesians 6:10,17*

Scripture Alone

Two kids start arguing on the bus. The argument is over some current issue on the news. They go back and forth about what is right and wrong. And how can you tell who wins? Is it the person who is louder or meaner? Is it the person who wins over the others who are watching?

Determining right and wrong in our society today is hard. It's especially challenging to stick to the truth of God's Word in a world that denies that there is absolute truth, much less, that the Bible is true.

But God's Word is up to the challenge. And it does more than just help us win an argument. It's the very power of God to combat evil and to protect us against the lies of this perishing world and the evil one—the devil. How so? Consider two examples.

Let's say that there are friends at your school who think differently than you do about substances, sex, porn, or how to view the government. Those are all big and challenging topics. Now imagine if you were left to discern what's true just according to your friends. You value them. But they don't know everything. But God does. And in holy word he uses his mighty power to show us the way. Most importantly, his Word shows us our Savior when we lose our way!

Or consider what many people think about death and eternity. Imagine if you had to just pick the best opinion as to what to believe about life after death. How terrifying. But that's not so for us as Christians. We have God's mighty power in his Word. Jesus won eternal life through the cross and the empty tomb! There's nothing better than that—nothing more powerful than that! And since God owns eternity, then he owns the truth. Furthermore, he gives the Bible—the eternal truth—as armor for us. Not just for an argument, but for eternity.

Prayer: Lord God, keep me in your Word and protect me through is for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.