

SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

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The Word of God

Ephesians 6:17

Three Greek Words for word...

- Graphe

- Logos

- Rhema

GRAPHE

- Means the “writings” of God; the actual book – the Bible
- Realizations:
 - The Bible in and of itself cannot do anything in spiritual warfare
 - It is not a magical implement that provides protection
 - It’s use is dependent upon its owner though the owner cannot diminish its effectiveness when used properly
- But Paul is not talking about the GRAPHE in Ephesians

LOGOS

- Means the “message” of the book
- It is the meaning of the words as being explained
- According to John 1 and Hebrews 4:12 it is both “ALIVE” and “ACTIVE”
- A deeper level, graduated level over GRAPHE

LOGOS

- Hebrews 4:12 – the Logos has the ability to...
 - Divide our SOUL (mind, will, emotions) and our new SPIRIT
 - Often, our SOUL (our thoughts, personality, how we were raised, opinions) gets in the way of our SPIRIT and keeps God's presence from functioning freely in our lives
 - Sometimes our greater enemy is our own SOUL hindering VICTORY in our lives
 - Still Paul is not talking about the LOGOS in Ephesians

The Aorist Imperative

- The word Take has two primary uses:
- Second, Paul indicates the necessity to take the sword with us and have it at all times
 - The armor as a whole will allow us to be defensive, but then when the Spirit gives instruction, we need to be ready to go on the **OFFENSIVE!**