

The Sword of the Spirit Creed

We are in the fight, whether we like it or not. We cannot always choose our battles. We must, as Paul instructs, take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. We must be trained to use it. We must be prepared to use it. We must take it up every day of our lives.

Perhaps we can have a kind of creed of our own.

This is my Bible. There are many like it, but this one is mine.

My Bible is my best weapon. It is my life.

I must master its use as I must master my life.

As a soldier in God's army, without my Bible, I am much less effective. I must use my Bible true. I must use it to attack my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must use it to defend myself when he attacks me. I will...

My Bible is the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. It contains the words of eternal life. Thus, I will learn it as a child of the Father. I will learn its strength, its books, its chapters, and its verses. I will keep my Bible close by and ready, even as I am trained and ready. I will hide God's word in my heart.

Before God, I swear this creed. My Bible and I are among the defenders of the brethren, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. Christ has put our enemy under his feet. He is the saviour of my soul.

The battle belongs to the Lord: he comes to judge the nations; soon he will defeat our enemy once and for all. We will beat our swords into ploughshares and live in peace forever!

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