Armed and Dangerous Draw your sword and fight

Romans 10:8-17

- I.) "...Word of God" Eph. 6:17-18
 - A.) Greek = rhema *hray'-mah* an utterance or command. Spoken word
 - B.) Not the same as the Greek *logos*, which is the written word.
 - C.) When the written word is spoken it becomes a sword, an offensive weapon. Hebrews 4:12
 - D.) Is the only offensive weapon given to us.
- **II.)** We have been given an "instruction manual", and an example through our Lord and savior Christ Jesus.
 - A.) The sword comes from the mouth, "spoken word". Rev.1:12-16
 - **B.)** Our "instruction manual" is found at Matthew chapter 4.
 - 1. 4:1-4 The devil tried to use the weakness of his "flesh" against him, Jesus quoted the *logos* Duet. 8:3, and it became *rhema*.
 - 2. 4:5-7 The devil tries to trip Jesus by using the written word out of context (psalm 91:11-12), Jesus pulls his sword from the "belt" of truth and strikes back by speaking the written word. Duet. 6:16
 - 3. **4:8-10** The devil tries to tempt him with instant power rather than waiting on the plan of God, Jesus finishes the battle with a command supported by scripture. Duet 6:13, and I Samuel 7:3
 - 4. **4:11** Jesus is victorious and we have an example of how to conduct spiritual warfare using our armor and attacking with our sword of the spirit.
- **III.)** This sword must be kept sharp! Eph. 6:18
 - A.) This is a spiritual battle, we must pray in the spirit. Romans 8:26
 - B.) We sharpen our sword and gain power through prayer and fasting. II Cor 10:2-6
 - C.) When we are full of the spirit, we can speak with authority. Mark 9:21-29

Eph 6:10-18 Now that we have put on the whole armor, let's draw your sword and sharpen it through prayer and fasting. And let's drive the enemy out of our way!