

The Helmet of Salvation

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Ephesians 6:17

“and take the helmet of salvation ...”

Every piece of the Christian’s armor provided by God is vital!

The Roman Soldier’s Helmet

“The Roman helmet, known as a *galea*, could vary quite a bit in design, since mass manufacturing didn’t exist at that time and each helmet was created individually. ... Usually the helmets were made of metal, though poorer soldiers or soldiers from the early days of the empire may have had leather helmets fortified with pieces of metal. ... Helmets usually had cheek plates to guard against blows to the face, and a metal piece in the back to protect against blows to the back of the neck. In addition, during the early first century the helmets began to include a brow ridge to provide protection for the eyes.”¹

The Christian’s helmet protects our mind!

❖ The battleground is in our mind!

- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Romans 8:7 “For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.”

Colossians 3:2 “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Isaiah 26:3 “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in you.”

❖ The Helmet of Salvation indicates that Satan will attack our confidence in God...

... with doubt

Genesis 3:1 “Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God actually say, “You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?”’”

... with discouragement

2 Chronicles 32:9-15

... with condemnation

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

... with fear

2 Timothy 1:7-12 “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” (verse 7)

❖ The importance of understanding salvation is that it gives us the assurance of God’s faithfulness to His Word!

Philippians 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

Salvation: (Greek – *soteria*) “denotes deliverance, preservation, salvation.”²

Salvation encompasses...

“... the spiritual and eternal deliverance granted immediately by God to those who accept His conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus, and upon confession of Him as Lord, ...”²

John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

Romans 10:10 “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

“... the present experience of God’s power to deliver from the bondage of sin, ...”²

Romans 6:14 “For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.”

“... the future deliverance of believers at the Parousia [coming] of Christ for His saints ...”²

Romans 13:11 “Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”

“... [the assurance of] deliverance from the wrath of God ...”²

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

... the promise of an eternity with Christ together with people from every nation joining in worship before Him!

Hebrews 5:9 “And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”

Revelation 7:9-12 “After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”

❖ We take the Helmet of Salvation by continuing in what we have learned through the Word of God!

- 2 Timothy 3:12-17

Endnotes:

¹ Johnson, Dave. "Armor of God: Helmet of Salvation." *Life, Hope & Truth*. Church of God, A Worldwide Association, Inc., Web.

² Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997. Print.

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