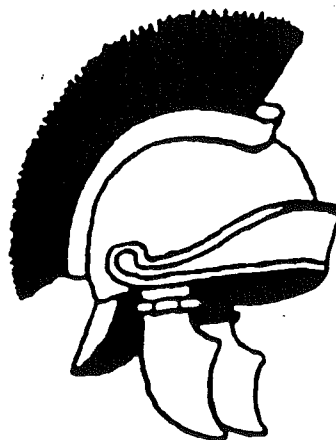


# THE HELMET OF SALVATION

(How Right Thinking Will Guard Your Mind)



## God Has Conquered the Accuser

- Through Justification (Our Past)
- Through Sanctification (Our Present)
- Through Glorification (Our Future)

*"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind." (1 Peter 1:13)*

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# “STANDING VICTORIOUSLY AGAINST THE ENEMY”

## Message #4

**Text:** Ephesians 6:10-18  
**Subject:** “The Power Of The Helmet Of Salvation”  
(v.7) “And take the helmet of salvation”

(Thus Far We’ve Dressed For Battle With:)

### #1. “The Shield Of Faith”

**Question:** How does faith act as a shield?

**Answer:** What a shield is to the soldier, faith is to the believer.

1. Faith enables you to embrace God when you haven’t got answers to your questions.
2. Faith enables you to embrace God when your feelings, senses and reasonings break down.
3. Faith enables you to look beyond your difficult days of battle to the victory afterwards.
4. Faith enables you to overcome the world (the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life-you see that temptation is always a lie from satan).

### #2. “The Breastplate Of Righteousness”

**Question:** How does the breastplate protect us in battle?

**Answer:** The breastplate answers every accusation of satan.

1. How Jesus becomes our righteousness at conversion.
2. How Jesus gives us right standing before a Holy God.
3. How Jesus satisfies God’s righteous demand for sin.
4. How Jesus frees us from all condemnation of sin (regardless of your past, past sin, past record, past memories, past whatever)

### #3. “The Girdle Of Truth”

**Question:** How do our loins girt about with truth preserve us?

**Answer:** The soldier’s belt held everything else together (it also held his sword for battle).

1. The “Girdle of Truthfulness” is integrity and wholeness.
2. This armor is the opposite of everything phony.
3. This character quality allows us to use the sword (the Word) effectively.
4. This belt of truth allows us to discern the voice of God and enjoy close communion day after day.

(Today: “The Helmet Of Salvation”)

**Question:** What is the “Helmet of Salvation”?

**Question:** Why does a soldier need one?

**Question:** What’s the big deal about our head covered?

**Question:** And what difference does it make in my life today?

## Introduction

**Fact:** Paul was looking at Roman soldiers in prison.

**Fact:** The soldiers wore helmets that were made of thick leather and brass.

**Fact:** The helmets were worn to protect the head from blows by swords or battle-axes.

**Fact:** Calvary men would use the 4 foot broad swords to split the skulls of enemy soldiers.

**Fact:** The helmets were a must to win in battle.

**(But What About Us?)**

**Question:** What is the "Helmet of Salvation"?

**Question:** How does it enable me to overcome today?

**Question:** How will it quench the fiery darts of the wicked?

### **Let's All Read I Thessalonians 5:8 (And Discover What The "Helmet Of Salvation" Is:)**

"But let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation".

#### **What Is The Helmet We Put On?**

- ◆ It is not salvation (Paul is addressing believers who are already saved).

**The Helmet Of Salvation:** #1. Is the one thing satan wants to steal from you.  
#2. It's the one thing satan wants to quench in your mind.  
#3. It's one thing satan wants to obscure from you.

#### **(What Is It - This Helmet Of Salvation?)**

- ◆ The Helmet of Salvation is that hope or confidence or assurance - that your salvation has accomplished its total purpose (and fullest intention)

- #1. It is that great hope in what salvation has accomplished.
- #2. It is that great hope in what salvation provides for us.
- #3. It is that great hope of victory (both now and in the end).

**Question:** Why is our hope called "The Helmet of Salvation"?

**Answer:** The helmet represents something to us:

1. The head is the center of our intellect.
2. The head is the center of our thought-life.
3. The head is the residence of our mind.

#### **Which Reveals That:**

1. Satan is out to attack your mind.
2. Satan is out to attack your thought patterns.
3. Satan is out to attack your thinking.

**Question:** What is satan out to steal from your mind?

**Answer:** The hope you have in what salvation means to you.

**Question:** What does salvation mean to you?

**Answer:** It means 3 things that produce in us a spirit of victory in battle.

**Salvation's 3 Promises**  
(or)  
**(The Hope (Helmet) Of Our Salvation Is:)**

- I. Salvation takes care of our past (Justification)
- II. Salvation takes care of our present (Sanctification)
- III. Salvation takes care of our future (Glorification)

**Question:** Why is the helmet of salvation so important?

**Answer:** Because when we take the helmet off we fall in battle.

- #1. We fail to overcome accusation and condemnation of past sin.
- #2. We fail to overcome present lies that tell us we can't be free from sins dominion now in the present.
- #3. We fail to overcome every lie that tells us there is no future glory for those who live for God.

**Question:** How many of you believe we have a full salvation?

**Question:** How many of you believe your hope of salvation will defeat every lie of evil against you?

- ◆ Let's get dressed and put the armor on!
- ◆ Let's take back ground given over in the battle!
- ◆ Let's march forward with the **Helmet** in place today!

**I. Salvation Takes Care Of Your Past (Justification)**

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ".  
(Romans 5:1)

"Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification". (Rom: 4:25)

"God is the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus". (Romans 3:26)

"God justifies the ungodly". (Romans 4:5)

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth" (Romans 8:33)

**Question:** Why is the **helmet of salvation** so important to keep on?

**Answer:** Because without this "helmet of hope" and "assurance in salvation" you will be fertile ground for satans schemes and lies.

**(What's He Say To Your Mind?)      Things Like:**

- ◆ "Who do you thing you are, coming in here praising God like that?"
- ◆ "Who do you think you are, believing God to answer your prayers?"
- ◆ "Who do you think you're fooling; I know what you used to be".
- ◆ "What gives you the right to come before God to receive a miracle?"
- ◆ "How can you even take that communion cup in your hand?"
- ◆ "What makes you feel as welcome as everybody else in here?"
- ◆ "Can't you remember those years of cursing, lying, cheating, stealing, drinking, drugs, disobedience, jail time, hard time, bad time and wasted time?"

## Get Your Helmet Of Salvation Back On:

(And Understand That Salvation Justified You Before God)

1. Justification is a judicial term.
2. It brings to our minds the scene of a courtroom.
3. We (because of sin) are guilty.
4. We stand condemned before a Holy God.
5. But Jesus becomes our advocate and takes our place.
6. We then are acquitted and declared righteous.
7. And therefore now stand justified before God. (Just-if-ied never sinned!!!)

## II. Salvation Takes Care Of Your Present (Sanctification)

**Question:** What happens when we take off the **helmet of salvation** (that covers our mind)?

**Answer:** We begin to believe the lies and fiery darts of the wicked one (who says):

- ◆ “You can’t live free from the power of sin’s dominion”.
- ◆ “You can’t be free from long term habits”.
- ◆ “You can’t break off from the slavery of carnal attractions”.
- ◆ “You can’t be different than the way your parents were”.
- ◆ “You’ve been cursed with a generational curse”.
- ◆ “You can’t experience the power of God to transform your living patterns”.
- ◆ “You can’t take back the ground that rightfully belongs to you”.

(Now Listen To God)

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: For you are not under the law (which reveals your sin) but under grace (which gives you power over sin).” (Romans 6:14)

“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin”. (Romans 6:11)

“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness”. (Romans 6:18)

“For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil”. (I John 3:8)

**Question:** Pastor, how can I experience what my salvation has provided for me (present sanctification)?

**Answer:** By understanding what the helmet protects, (your mind).

(Ephesians 4:23,24) “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness”.

**Question:** Where does sanctification, righteousness and holiness begin?

**Answer:** Your mind!!!

**Question:** Then what is satan sure to attack?

**Answer:** Your Mind!

**Question:** What’s the secret to enjoying what my salvation has provided for me (now in sanctification from sin)?

**Answer:** The secret is to know the process of sin through your mind:

(All Read - James 1:14,15,16) "But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren".

#### Steps To Default:

- #1. The bait is dropped.
- #2. An evil thought enters the mind.
- #3. The imagination is aroused.
- #4. The inner desire is attracted.
- #5. Evil thoughts are entertained.
- #6. A compromise is sought.
- #7. The will becomes weakened the longer you entertain the notion.
- #8. The will consents to chose to perform it.
- #9. Sin occurs when you yield.
- #10. Tragic consequences always result.

**Question:** What's the **Helmet of Salvation** do?

**Answer:** It believes there is power in Jesus' Name to say no when sin presents a choice to your mind!

(Is My Thinking That Important?)

**Titus 2:6:** "Be sober mind"

**Proverbs 23:7:** "As a man thinketh, so is he"

**Romans 12:2:** "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind"

**Philippians 4:8:** "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure and lovely, think on these things"

### III. Salvation Takes Care Of Our Future (Glorification)

- #1. Satan attacks your past ("you are not forgiven").
- #2. Satan attacks your present ("you can't live free now from sin's dominion).
- #3. Satan attacks your future ("you'll never make it and stand in the evil days of trial and temptation".

#### But The Helmet Of Salvation

(Is Already Knowing In Your Mind) ♦ That Jude 24 is true:

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy".

**Question:** How does our hope (**the Helmet of Salvation**) protect us and preserve us and provoke us to march forward with faith and joy and expectation ?

**Answer :** Hope for the future fulfillment and consummation of our salvation does wonders:

- #1. We know our labor is not in vain.
- #2. We know there's life beyond the grave.
- #3. We know a place is being prepared for us.
- #4. We know the church will always prevail.
- #5. We know God's grace will always be sufficient
- #6. We know the Lord will sustain us in battle.

- #7. We know that our prayers will soon be realized.
- #8. We know that all tears will turn to joy.
- #9. We know that God's House will outlive the White House.
- #10. We know that we will see Jesus alive and in person.

**Question:** Has the enemy been lying to you?

**Question:** Has he told you, "you're not going to make it?"

**Question:** Are you faltering in your present day of battle?

**Put Your Helmet Back On  
(And Believe The Word)**

**John 10:28:** "Neither shall any man pluck you out of Jesus' hand".

**I Peter 1:6:** "Who (you) are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time".

**Psalm 121:3,5:** "The Lord is thy keeper...He that keepeth thee will neither slumber nor sleep".

**Deuteronomy 33:27** "The eternal God is the refuge and underneath are His everlasting arms".

**Question:** Why is the helmet so important?

**Answer:** Because it is your "hope" and "optimism" for tomorrow

**Question:** Why must we wear it?

**Answer:** Because without this "hope", the devil will steal your joy, ruin your attitude, cloud your focus, stifle your progress, sour your spirit, and fill your days with gloom!!!

**(Put Your "Helmet Of Hope" Back On)  
And Remember:**

- #1. God's not finished with you yet, and He hasn't given up on you either.
- #2. God still has a plan, with you in mind as a part of it!
- #3. God's church is marching forward (not backwards or in stalemate) and you're included if you chose to be.
- #4. Regardless of where you are, God is not limited by your past or present circumstances.

**Conclusion**

**Question:** Do you need to put your helmet back on?

**Question:** Have enemy darts been fired to your mind?

**Question:** Is the master discourager lying to you?

**Question:** Has faith and hope turned into doubt, frustration, no way out, just get by, barely making it or what's the use?

**(Then Today Is Your Day)**

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| 1. Believe in the Word of God,  | 3. Believe in the Faithfulness of God,   |
| 2. Believe in the Power of God, | 4. Believe in the God of your salvation. |

- ◆ Your past is covered (**Justified**)
- ◆ Your present is changeable (**Sanctified**)
- ◆ Your future is guaranteed (**Glorified**)

**AMEN! Bill Kirk, Pastor**