

Putting on the Armor from God (Eph. 6:10-17)

The Helmet consisting of Salvation (v. 17)

- I.** The defensive thought process pictured by a soldier's armor.
 1. A ceremonially clean family relationship is necessary prior to accessing the enabling from the Holy Spirit.
 2. **Loins** wrapped with **truth** (v. 14).
 3. Having clothed yourself with the **breastplate** consisting of **righteousness** (v. 14).
 4. And having shod your **feet** with a readiness regarding the **Gospel of peace** with God (v. 15).
 5. Taking up the **shield** consisting of specific **faith**: applicable promises to current situation.
- II.** "And you take up the helmet consisting of salvation . . ." (v. 17).
 1. Initial, or past-tense salvation is already emphasized with the Gospel of peace, so the helmet points to a difference.
 2. The breastplate and helmet are important to our thinking apart from the armor (1 Thes. 5:4-8).
 - 1) During nonattack periods their content is different.
 - 2) The breastplate is faith and love—fulfilling the New Commandment with works.
 - 3) The helmet is hope belonging to salvation—focusing on future tense salvation, particularly the Rapture.
 3. The helmet consisting of salvation must necessarily be an emphasizes on present tense salvation.
 4. At Satan's attack, the helmet changes from a focus on the future to primarily the present saving ministry of Christ.
- III.** Christ is the bases of our past, present, and future tense salvation.
 1. The Father declared us righteous based on Christ's death for our sins and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 4:25; 5:17, 19; 1 Cor. 1:30).
 2. We are currently being kept saved by the life of Christ and His present ministry (1 Cor. 15:2; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 5:25; Heb. 7:25).
- IV.** The helmet consisting of salvation is mentally remembering that the work of Christ saved us in the past and He is keeping us saved in the present. Nothing Satan can do will change this fact nor our relationship to God. The helmet prevents spiritual discouragement, disappointment, cowardness, and an unforgiving spirit.