

EPHESIANS 6:17 THE HELMET OF SALVATION

REVIEW:

The shield of faith.

Josh. 21:43-45

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- We have moved from the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the feet shod with preparedness of the gospel of peace, to the large shield of faith and now the helmet of salvation.
- This is now the fifth, (grace) piece of armor.
- The helmet, of course, protects the head, made of thick leather/metal.
- No soldier would enter the battle without it.
- It gave confidence as well as protection to the warrior.

I find a key to this verse in the word "take."

- I noticed it was a different word in the Greek than the word used in other places in Eph.
- Its meaning sheds light on what is meant by "salvation."
- In the other uses of the word "take" it means to take up.
- Here its meaning is to accept, to receive.
- I believe its main emphasis and use is future tense.
- We know "salvation has 3 tenses to it. Past, Present, and Future.
- Salvation is not a onetime only experience, having an implication of "oh I did that those years ago!" It is ongoing, continuous!
- What weight would the first two tenses be if there was no future?
 - If in this life only we have hope, how deflating this would be. 1 Cor. 15.
- Salvations three tenses have to do with the penalty of sin being removed (past)
- The power of sin being broken, (present tense)
- And the presence of sin being vanquished. (future)
- It is; I was saved, I am being saved, and I will be saved!!!
- I am sure all of these positions of salvation are implied to some degree in this word salvation here, but again I believe the Spirit is pointing with emphasis to the future receiving of salvation.

SALVATION PAST:

- This is "**justification.**"
 - Eph. 2:4, 5; But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- When the devil comes accusing you that you are not a born again child of God, have your helmet on!
 - 1 Jn. 5:13; These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, ^[a]and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.
- Or when he comes accusing, "you are not good enough to for God to save you..
 - Tit. 3:5; not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

SALVATION PRESENT:

- This is **sanctification**: Rom. 6:6; ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
 - 1 Cor. 1:18; For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved** it is the power of God.
- When the devil comes accusing you that you are not worthy, or will never make it, or God has or will give up on you, **HAVE YOUR HELMET ON.**
 - Jn. 10:28, 29; My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand.
 - Phil. 1:6; being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;
 - Heb. 13:5, I will never leave you or forsake you.
- The Spirit, like Christ, will finish His work.

NOW LETS LOOK A BIT CLOSER AT THIS SALVATION FUTURE:

- **1 Thess. 5:8, 9.** As a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- Here the scripture points to the helmet of salvation being a hope. That is a future event. For if I have already received something what need is there for hope?
- **1 Ptr. 1:3-13**
- Rom. 5:9, 10;
- **Heb. 9:28;** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

This future salvation points to our glorification.

- Glorification is a future work of God in which the dead in Christ will be raised and new glorified bodies, like unto His, will be given and we shall be finally ushered into the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.
- Our whole beings being forever freed from the fleshly weakness and sins corruptions. To live forever in His presence.....

So when we get tempted and we get discouraged, put this helmet on. It will keep us in the fight.

- **1 Cor. 15:58,** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- This was one of Paul's great helmet.
 - **2 Tim. 4:6-8;** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.
 - **See Paul in 2 Cor. 4:7-**
 - **2 Tim. 1:8-12;** For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded..

CONCLUSION:

- Rom. 13:10; And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

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