

The Whole Armor of God – Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation

Helmet (Galea): The iron helmet was forged from one piece of metal and lined with leather. Crests made of dyed horsehair indicated rank. It provided protection for head. Plates hung down along the cheeks and another plate protected the back of the neck and shoulders. It is designed to protect the head from the enemy's sword slashes. It was furnished with a visor to protect the face. The head is that part which is most carefully to be defended. One stroke here may prove fatal.



Benefits:

1. Salvation gives assurance and hope of present and future victory

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

Salvation defined:

NT: Deliverance, preservation, safety of the soul

OT: Deliverance, victory, help, prosperity

The truth that we are saved received, rested on, rejoiced in, will protect us in life's battles!

Romans 8:23–25 Not only *that*, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

2. Protection from bombardment on the mind: Confusion, doubt, false teachings, condemnation

- Peace in the midst of battle

Philippians 4:7 The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:16 For “*who has known the mind of the LORD* that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Psalms 140:7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in the day of battle.

- The assurance that Christ has rescued us from sin and shares His victory with us.
- The salvation which is in Christ gives us forgiveness for the sins of the past and strength to conquer sin in the days to come.
- Salvation gives confidence and boldness in the conflict.
- My personal salvation is a source of strength!

The position of power and authority with Christ to which they have been raised is greater 'than that possessed by their mighty supernatural enemies'. As they appropriate this salvation more fully and live in the light of their status in Christ, they have every reason to be confident of the outcome of the battle.

3. Promise of heaven: He who carries Christ in his heart cannot be cheated out of the hope of his heaven,

1 John 5:11–13 And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 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, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

We are saved now, and have assurance that we will be saved in the final day!

4. Rank & Authority: We are in the army of the Lord

Ephesians 2:4–10 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), ⁶ and raised *us up together*, and made *us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus*, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



5. Bringing salvation to others.

Isaiah 59:17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Two fold meaning:

1. Walking in your own hope and confidence
2. Being like God to bring salvation in battle to others

“Take the helmet” Take means to accept it from God and receive what is yours. Now take that to go into battle for others.