

Ephesians - The Armor Of God

The Helmet Of Salvation

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV) – Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Three Aspects Of Salvation

1) Justification: We HAVE BEEN SAVED from sin's penalty.

This occurs when we give our lives to Christ.

- Satan wants to convince us that we are not really saved.

2) Sanctification: We ARE BEING SAVED from sin's power.

This takes place between the moment we are saved to the day of our death.

- Satan wants to convince us that we are failing God.

3) Glorification – We WILL BE SAVED from sin's presence.

This will happen when Jesus returns.

- Satan wants to convince us that heaven isn't real or that we are not going there

The Purpose Of The Helmet Of Salvation

- Satan attacks our justification and our sanctification so that we will lose sight of our glorification.

The helmet of salvation protects our minds from believing Satan's lies.

- The helmet of salvation gives us assurance of our salvation and leads to joy and hope .

The helmet gives us the great hope of final salvation that gives us confidence and assurance that our present struggle with Satan will not last forever and we will be victorious in the end.

John 6:35-40 - Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But you haven't believed in me even though you have seen me. ³⁷ However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. ³⁹ And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁰ For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

John 10:27-29 – Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand."