

STRONG IN THE LORD

August 18, 2013

Ephesians 6:17

The Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17 - and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Big Idea: Remembering, reflecting, and recalling our salvation helps us stand strong on the Lord.

Review – Ephesians 6:10-17

Belt of truth-Breastplate of righteousness-Shoes of readiness in the gospel of peace-Shield of faith

The Helmet of Salvation

Metaphor explained

Kill the head, the body dies - Simple leather cap - Adorned with metal plates - Plume on top - Protected the entirety of the head including the cheeks - Not attached – required one to pick it up and put it on

Character of God

God is both our salvation and our Savior. He is the God who saves

God is salvation - Exodus 15:1-3

God is Savior - Isaiah 43:1-3, 11

Jesus is our only Saviour; there is salvation in no other name.

Jesus means Savior - Matthew 1:18-21

Only Jesus Saves - Acts 4:12

Knowing

Understanding our salvation in Jesus Christ protects our minds in the battle.

Adoption – Ephesians 1:5

- Definition: to take and rear as one's own child
- Theological Definition: an act of God whereby he makes us members of his family.

Redemption – Ephesians 1:7

- Definition: to secure release by the payment of a price
- Theological Definition: the work of Jesus in laying down His life and shedding His blood as the ransom price securing our release from the bondage of sin.

Propitiation – Ephesians 2:7

- Definition: to appease or pacify anger, to make favourable
- Theological Definition: sacrifice that makes God favourable towards us by removing sin.

Reconciliation – Ephesians 2:13

- Definition: the re-establishment of friendly relations
- Theological Definition: God's restoration of a harmonious relationship with sinful humanity through Jesus Christ.

Doing

To put on the helmet of salvation is to:

- Remember God's salvation in the Bible and in your past (Ephesians 2:11-12).
- Reflect on the present benefits of Christ's salvation in your life (Ephesians 1-2).
- Recall the future fulfillment of your salvation (Ephesians 2:7).