

# USE YOUR HELMET

## HELMET OF SALVATION

- Extra barrier of protection against head wounds
- Allows offensive movement
- Instills a level of confidence

## God's Body Armor

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet... Ephesians 6:13-17 (NLT2)

## SALVATION

A movement from danger to safety.

A rescue from doom to life.

A shift from meaningless to meaningful.

A deliverance from darkness to light.

A judicial declaration from guilty to innocent.

A change from separated to related.

## The Realm of Salvation

There is a realm in which people live. Those living in the realm of this world operate under the auspices of Satan. Those living under the realm of Salvation (God's Kingdom) operate under the authority of Jesus.

## The Realm of Darkness

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. 2 Corinthians 4:4

the world around us is under the control of the evil one. 1 John 5:19 (NLT2)

## The Realm of Salvation

He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves. Colossians 1:13 (HCSB)

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. Ephesians 1:19-23 (NLT2)

## Getting Your Head into Salvation

A warrior puts on the helmet for battle. It is not a soft pillow for relaxing or contemplating but for action. Everything is turned on and tuned up. Sight, hearing, all the senses are activated. The helmet protects the head, the control center, the place where what is seen and heard is evaluated immediately and responded to.

Salvation is protection of the central processing center of the brain. What if a person has a weak or faulty concept of salvation, how effective is that helmet of salvation against a determined enemy?

What if a person does not see things God's way?

What if salvation is something you do in church to make sure you go to heaven when you die, how can you stand firm against the power of the devil?

Having the helmet of salvation requires a new way of thinking, God's way of thinking.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2 (NLT2)

The helmet of salvation is not just an idea, it is a necessary piece of equipment that defines God's warrior in the battle of the ages.

## Salvation in Your Battle with the Devil

Salvation redefines you. Salvation makes you a child of God, a redeemed person, someone made new in Christ, no longer under the realm of the devil.

Satan will come as he did with Jesus and say, "if you are a child of God, then..." He will push and shove you and try to trick you into denying who you are. The helmet of salvation defines you.

Be sure of your salvation. Be able to identify who you are in Christ. Know what you believe, not just what you profess. Your salvation determines your destination now and forever.

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## Are You Wearing God's Armor?

- What battle have you been fighting, flesh-and blood or spiritual?
- What strategies of the devil have you battled?
- How many times have you tried to stand on your own and not in the armor of God?
- What kind of spiritual training have you done in the last few weeks?
- How will you now live?