

The Believer's Armor, Part 5
The Helmet of Salvation
(Ephesians 6:17)

I. The Meaning of the Helmet

- A. The helmet is confidence in a full, final, total salvation to come.
- B. Three tenses of salvation.
 - 1. Past tense salvation frees us from the penalty of sin; that's "justification." (Gal. 2:20)
 - 2. Present tense salvation frees us from the power of sin; that's "sanctification." (Rom. 6:14, 1John 1:9, Rom. 8:1, 33)
 - 3. Future tense salvation frees you from the very presence of sin; that's "glorification." (Rev. 21:4, 1Pet. 1:5)
- C. The helmet protected the head from a blow from a broad sword.
- D. Satan's big broad sword has two edges to it; discouragement and the doubt, and the helmet of salvation is your protection.

II. The Manacles of Discouragement

- A. Galatians 6:9 says, "let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
- B. Paul said at the end of his life and, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (2Tim. 4:7)
- C. Whatever God calls you to do, you can do it if you work long enough.
- E. Satan will discourage you every way he can.
- F. The helmet of salvation protects you from fainting, from giving up, from growing weary,

III. The Misgivings of Doubt

- A. Satan wants you to doubt that God can keep you saved.
- B. There are 6 strands that secure your salvation forever. (John 6:37-39; 10:27-29)
 - 1. The Shepherd's duty is to care for you and protect you.
 - 2. The sheep will follow.
 - 3. Eternal life is forever.
 - 4. It is a gift.
 - 5. If one Christian loses his salvation, then Jesus lied.
 - 6. Both the Father and the Son hold you.
- C. What God starts, He will finish. (Phil 1:6)

VI. Conclusion

- A. Jude reiterates that we're secure. (Jude 1, 24)
- B. When you were saved God gave you the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that someday you'd be glorified.
- C. Fight the good fight; have confidence in the salvation God gave you, and know that you'll be there for that crowning day.
- D. Don't let Satan victimize you with discouragement and doubt because you're going to win in the end..
- E. Keep the helmet on now.