

Armed and Ready

Part 5 – Helmet of Salvation

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Put on salvation as your helmet...

(Ephesians 6:17, New Living Translation)

Let us who live in the light be clearheaded . . . wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8, NLT)

WHAT IS THE HELMET OF SALVATION?

The mindset of a person who has been rescued by God.

1. Salvation is forgiveness of our past.

Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.

(John 8:11, New King James Version)

Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. (Acts 16:31, NLT)

2. Salvation is freedom for our present.

I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.

(Romans 7:19, NLT)

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Romans 7:24–25, NLT)

The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. So the God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your bodies. (Romans 8:11, New International Revised Version)

3. Salvation is hope for our future.

We long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us . . . the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved.

(Romans 8:23–24, NLT)

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

(1 Thessalonians 4:14, NLT)

HOW DO WE “PUT ON” THE HELMET OF SALVATION?

1. Cry out to God: “Think for me!”

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

(Romans 10:13, NLT)

2. Meditate on God's Word: think God's thoughts.

Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ. . . . Keep thinking about things above, not things on the earth.

(Colossians 3:1–2, New English Translation)

3. Take thoughts captive: change the channel.

The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to . . . take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

(2 Corinthians 10:4–5, Good News Bible)

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

(Philippians 4:8, NLT)

[The Lord] himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm. . . . He put on righteousness as his body armor and placed the helmet of salvation on his head.

(Isaiah 59:16–17, NLT)