

Live Stronger: Helmet of Salvation
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Ephesians 6:13-18 NLT

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, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

- Truth
- Righteousness
- Peace
- Faith
- Salvation

Helmet of Salvation

You are a soldier!

"In heaven we shall appear, not in armour, but in robes of glory. But here these are to be worn night and day; we must walk, work and sleep in them, or else we are not true soldiers of Christ." — William Gurnall

1 Peter 4:12 NKJV

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you ...

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 NKJV

... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know

God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power ...

Matthew 25:41, 46 NKJV

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS ...’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a SPIRIT OF FEAR ...

2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a SOUND MIND.

A sound mind is a saved mind.

What is salvation?

SŌTĒRÍA: deliverance, salvation, i.e. God's rescue which delivers believers out of destruction *and into* His safety.

How Do We Protect Our Heads?

1. We must glorify Jesus' supremacy in creation.

Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

*Christ is **the visible image of the invisible God**. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.*

Everything was created through him and for him**. He existed before anything else, and **he holds all creation together**. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. **He is the beginning**, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So **he is first in

everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. **He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.**

2. We must solidify Jesus' position in our lives.

Acts 4:12 NLT

"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Luke 6:46 NLT

"So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?"

3. We must exemplify Jesus' power in our lives.

Romans 1:16-17 NKJV

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed FROM FAITH TO FAITH; as it is written, "The just shall LIVE BY FAITH."

Understanding the Full Scope of Salvation:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Salvation is deliverance — past, present and future! Salvation is deliverance — spirit, soul and body!

- **Past:** the day of deliverance from your old nature (spirit)

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NKJV

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

- **Future:** the hope of deliverance from your mortal body (body)

1 Thessalonians 5:8-9 NKJV

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

Philippians 3:20-21 NKJV

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

"Aim at heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither." — C.S. Lewis

1 Corinthians 15:53-58 NLT

For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

- **Present:** the way of deliverance from your own will (soul)

James 1:21-22 NKJV

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Three Ways the Enemy Will Go for Your Head:

1. ENTANGLED in worldly affairs

2 Timothy 2:4 NLT

Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

2. DISTRACTED by good causes

3. DECEIVED into divided devotion

2 Corinthians 11:3 NLT

But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.

Matthew 6:24 NLT

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money."

- You can't serve God and MONEY.
- You can't serve God and CULTURE.
- You can't serve God and COUNTRY.

Put Your Helmet Back On:

1. Repent
2. Refocus

“The Future is, of all things, the thing least like eternity. It is the most temporal part of time — for the Past is frozen and no longer flows, and the Present is all lit up with eternal rays.” — *C.S. Lewis*

3. Restore