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# POWERFUL ARMOR OF GOD

## Helmet of Salvation

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**God has provided all we need to FIGHT SPIRITUAL BATTLES in life**



[ Ephesians 6.10-17a NIV ]

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 **Take the helmet of salvation***

Paul is telling us to **"STAND FIRM IN WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY DONE"**

- Because Victory in this Visible world, it is tied to Victory in the Invisible world

One of the pieces of Armor that will give us victory is what we wear on our Head



**Helmet of Salvation**

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**Reason we wear Helmets is to Protect from Brain Injuries**

- If the Brain is damaged... Bodily cannot function properly

- Paul says to put on the Helmet of Salvation for our **MINDS**

**What the brain is to the body, the Mind is to the Soul**

- Minds is our consciousness, perception, thinking, judgement
- Just as the Brain is control center for functioning of Body....  
the MIND is control center for functioning of the SOUL  
Our Choices, Emotions, our Will
- If I want body to turn Right... brain must tell it to go that way
- If I want my SOUL (will, emotion, choices) to live right... my MIND has to tell it
  - So we must protect our MINDS in order to do that

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## We are to put on a Helmet... To Govern our MIND

### The Keys to our Victory or Defeat.... is in our Programming

- If the Mind is improperly programmed... (bad information).....  
it will function improperly
- If you're thinking wrong..... You are going to BE Wrong

### Everyone ACTS based on our Self Perception

If you perceive yourself certain way (even if wrong)  
you will function based on your perception

(EXAMPLE: Abused women)

(EXAMPLE: The Emancipation Proclamation declared Slaves were free...

- But many did not function as Free people

- **In Church** we can sing about freedom... **but live a life of Bondage**

**Christians will believe devil's lies....**

- "I'm Worthless / Unloved / Victim / Broken / Undeserving /  
Can't be Forgiven / God hates me...."

- "I'm Superior / I don't need Forgiveness / etc..."

**It's possible to be a saint, and NOT THINK SAVED**

- **Without proper Information... there will be faulty life**

- **The only way you can change your actions is by changing your thoughts**

Why Bible says to Renewing our mind - Sanctification

God's given us a Helmet that can PROTECT our Minds from Lies.... **AND**

**So He Can Talk to Us in Our Minds** (like a Quarter Back's helmet)

- **God wants to equip us with His.....**

PLANS / PURPOSES / THOUGHTS / TRUTHS / WISDOM

- **God is telling SAVED PEOPLE how to THINK saved!**

HOW DO WE PUT IT ON??



**BY THE READING OF GOD'S WORD..... TRUTH!!!**

Here we are again...



[ 2 Timothy 3.15 NLT ]

*But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. 15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.*

**- Paul reminded Timothy of the source of his wisdom**

- Timothy mother and grandmother taught him
- We need this same Wisdom



**THROUGH PRAYER** - It's real easy.... Ask for it



[ James 1.5 AMP ]

*If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him.*

- Have you prayed that prayer recently
- *".....I don't know what to do about this..."* - **Have you asked God??**

WHAT DOES THE HELMET DO FOR US?



**IT IS THE PROMISE OF HOPE**



[ 1 Thessalonians 5.8 NIV ]

*But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.*

- **What is the HOPE??....**

- Knowing this battle is going to END!!!
- One day He going to come back and set everything Straight
- We are fighting in a war whose end we already know!.....

**We are fighting in a War we ALREADY WON!!!**

- **We put on this Helmet of Salvation... our HOPE IN CHRIST!!**

- Living without hope is like running a race with NO FINISH LINE
- WE ARE VICTORS IN JESUS CHRIST!!!



**IT DEMOLISHES STRONGHOLDS OF THE MIND**



[ 2 Corinthians 10.5 AMP ]

*We are destroying sophisticated arguments and every exalted and proud thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of Christ,*

- Stronghold, or a Fortress, is a established pattern, or established habit, or established concept, or an entranced area of your life that does not yet belong to God.

- Guess who is on control of that area?... your enemy

- As we walk with God through out our lives...  
we discover these areas that we have not given over to God
  - When we allow the Helmet to sit at the top of our Armor...  
seeking God's wisdom and help, using His Word as our source...  
God will give us the victory through the Holy Spirit
    - He tears down these strongholds
    - TRUTHS that God gives us pushes out the faulting programming
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### **MANY GIVE UP SAYING... "It's too hard!!"**

- War is suppose to be difficult.... not for wimps
- We are Battling for things that are Important
- Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.... **He is greater than anything we will face!!!**

*Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

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**[ VIDEO FOR MEMORIAL DAY ]**