

## THE HELMET OF SALVATION

**Ephesians 6:14-17a**

This morning we will look at the second piece of armor we are told to take up.

### I. THE HELMET OF SALVATION **Ephesians 6:14-17a**

As soldiers of Christ, we are engaged in Spiritual Warfare.

It's not literally our head that is in danger, but our MIND.

When Paul talks about taking up the helmet of salvation what's he talking about?

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:8 Amplified**

When Paul talks about the helmet in Thessalonians, he calls it a helmet of hope.

The Thessalonians thought they had missed the second coming of our Lord. - *They had lost their hope.*

A Christian should have absolute, total assurance of salvation. **1 John 5:13 Amplified**

Let's make sure we know what we are talking about.

1. We have been set free from the penalty of sin. **Romans 8:1**

Our sin has been judged on the cross of Christ.

If you have received Christ – you are free from the penalty of sin.

2. We have been set free from the power of sin. **Romans 8:2**

The power of sin has been broken.

We have the ability to say NO to temptation and YES to obedience to God.

3. We will be set free from the presence of sin. **Revelation 21:4; 1John 3:2**

He is sinless, spotless and without - flaw and without blemish.

There's coming a day when we'll be saved from the presence of sin.

What's all this pointing towards?

Absolute security for every believer

What does that do for you?

Infuses your life with an undying, safe and secure hope.

**John 10:27-30; Romans 15:4**

The Lord has provided a defense against discouragement and doubt.

Your given a helmet that will deflect every blow the enemy attempts to hit you with.

Take up your helmet, wear it, focus on the living hope Jesus has provided, and stand firm.

### II. A BATTLE FOR THE MIND **Romans 12:2; Philippians 2:5**

The Word of God feeds our minds and enriches our souls.

In order to live as a Christian, we must think like a Christian.

You are what you think. - Put on the helmet of salvation. - It will protect you from:

#### 1. A DIVIDED MIND **James 1:5-8**

The divided mind comes from wrong thinking...not wearing the helmet of salvation.

Jesus gave everything for me, and He deserves my best!

Lukewarm service is not good enough.

The devil wants to divide our mind so he can trip us up. **Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 6:31-33**

#### 2. A DECEIVED MIND **2 Corinthians 11:3**

How does Satan deceive our minds?

1. He didn't deny God's word...he just cast doubt on it.

*“Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” Gen. 3:1*

2. He openly denied God's word.

*“You won't die!” the serpent replied to the woman. Genesis 3:4*

3. He substitutes an outright lie in place of God's word.

*“God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” Genesis 3:5*

### 3. A DISCOURAGED MIND    **1 Thessalonians 5:8 Amplified**

Hope in the Bible isn't wishful thinking, it's an unwavering confidence in God.

When you give up, you lose, and might as well surrender,

Lift up your head and put on the helmet of salvation!

When the devil attacks our mind, it is Salvation that guards us.

We are Justified, we are being Sanctified, and we will be glorified!