Series "Our Riches In Christ" "The Helmet" Ephesians 6:17 Study-30

2 Corinthians 11:3

The Devil is a created being. He is a fallen angel. Isaiah 14, Ezekiel 28

2 Corinthians 2:11

We are going to look at the 5th piece of armor and see God's protection for the believer.

- **1. Belt of Truth -** integrity.
- **2. Breastplate of Righteous -** God's righteous, and practical.
- **3. Shoes of Peace -** peace for war and peace to perishing.
- **4. Shield of Faith -** practical faith in Jesus daily.

Thought Of The Passage: "The Believer's Mind Is In Need Of Protection And Assurance Of Security Of Hope In Salvation"

- 1. Description Of The Helmet:
- 2. Meaning Of The Helmet:
- 3. Necessity Of The Helmet:

1. Description Of The Helmet:

Ephesians 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION,

There were two helmets in Paul's day:

- 1. Helmet called the "Galea" That was made of thick leather.
- 2. (Pictures of Helmet's) Helmet called the "Casis" Which is the one spoken of here. It was made of plates of bronze or iron that were molded to fit the head. It had felt or sponges on the inside for comfort and shock. It had a hinged visor that would protect the eyes. It Had parts that protected the cheeks of the soldier. Then there was a lip of metal that brought protection for the neck of the soldier. There was a leather strap that kept the helmet on the soldier's head.

When not wearing the helmet, it was hung around the shoulders or attached to the belt.

The solider was trying to protect his head from the "**Broad-sword.**" It was a large two-handed double edge sword. Its length was 3 to 4 feet in length. It was carried by the Calvary-men who would swing at the heads of enemy soldiers to split their skulls or decapitate them.

The helmet was so strong that only a hammer or ax could pierce the heavy helmet.

The soldier's helmet served 3 functions:

- 1. The Helmet Protected The Soldier's Head In Battle.
- 2. The Helmet Brought Assurance.
- 3. The Helmet Was For Identity.

2. Meaning Of The Helmet:

Ephesians 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION,

And take -

"receive, accept, to take up"
You don't work for salvation. God freely offer's salvation to all.

Romans 6:23

THE HELMET OF SALVATION, The Bible speaks of Salvation in 3 tenses:

- 1. Salvation (Justification) Is Forgiveness Of The <u>Past Penalty Of Sin.</u> Romans 3:23-24; Ephesians 2:8-9
- 2. Salvation (Sanctification) Is The Forgiveness Of Present Sins. Called The Power Of Sin. <u>Being Saved!</u> (Present) Ephesians 4:1

worthy - "to balance, to weigh"

Romans 6:12-13; Ephesians 2:10

3. Salvation (Glorification) <u>Future</u>. Called Salvation From The Presence Of Sin. The Helmet Of Salvation – Hope!

Romans 8:19-25

Key passage that interprets this for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:8

Hope - looks to the future. **Hope** - "is a sure expectation of a future event"

The helmet gives protection to the mind for hope and for the battles.

- 1. Helmet Protects The Mind Intellect, Thinking and Reasoning.
- 2. Helmet Gives Hope Assurance and Security.

3. Necessity Of The Helmet:

Ephesians 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION,

We Need The Helmet of Protection:

- 1. First, sin separated us from God.
- **2.** Second, sin separated us from each other.

In order for a person to receive the protection offered by God it begins with "Repentance"

John the Baptist preached Repentance before Christ.

Matthew 3:2

Jesus Christ started His ministry with preaching Repentance.

Matthew 4:17

Paul preached Repentance after Jesus ascended. Acts 20:21

Repentance - "change one's mind, change of mind as to what God say's about sin and sinners, turn around"

- **1. Mind Enlightened** Need to hear the message and understand it.
- **2. Heart Stirred** Sorrow over sin, conviction.
- 3. Will Surrendered A Person then surrenders their life to Jesus Christ.

Then and only then will a person experience the new birth. Being "born again," "regeneration," "new birth," "adoption," "a child of God"

Our minds have been made new by the new birth, it has affected our thinking and the way we see things. **It involves a continued process of growth.**

Romans 12:2; 2 Peter 3:18

Protect From A Divided Mind -

This involves thoughts and attitudes.

James 1:8

The 12 spies sent into the land of Cannan. 10 divided minds, 2 undivided, Joshua and Caleb had their helmets of salvation. Numbers 13:27-33

David had the helmet of salvation on, David did not trust in Saul's armor but in victory from the Lord. 1 Samuel 17:45-46

Church of Laodicea, lukewarm. Revelation 3:15-16

Protect From A Deceived Mind - 2 Corinthians 11:3

simplicity - "single hearted devotion"

A Divided mind leads to a deceived mind.

Joshua Took Off His Helmet And Was Deceived. Joshua 9

Peter Took Off His Helmet And Was Self-deceived. Mark 14:33-42

The Helmet Of Hope: Hebrews 6:19

Hope For The Doubtful Mind. Luke 12:29

worrying (doubtful) We get our word meteor, "to raise on high, to live in suspense"

1 John 5:13 Hope For A Confused And Discouraged Mind.

Job Wore The Helmet. Job 13:15-16

Application:

- **1.** The Believer's Justification By Faith, Is The Forgiveness Of The Penalty Of Sin; The Believers' Sanctification Is The Forgiveness Of Present Sins, And The Freedom From The Power Of Sin; The Believer's Future Glorification Is The Deliverance From The Presence Of Sin.
- **2.** The Helmet Of Salvation Protects The Mind The Intellect, The Thinking And Reasoning. The Helmet Of Salvation Gives Hope Assurance And Security To The Believer:
- **3.** The Believer Who Continues To Wear The Helmet Of Salvation Will Eventually Exchange The Helmet For A Crown: