

Series: The Wealth of Christ & The Walk of the Christian

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

EPHESIANS 6

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¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Introduction:

Someone has said, “You are what you eat, physically. You are what you think, spiritually.”

The battle with temptation and sin begins in the mind. Thought leads to action and actions leads to habit.

Illustration:

Stray dogs will inevitably come into your yard, but you don't have to pet them, and don't feed them or they will cease to be a stray.

We can't choose what random thoughts come to our mind, but we certainly do choose what we dwell on!

We must remember that these pieces that we have been considering and continue considering this evening

is called armor and it called armor because we are in a war, and the head is a target area.

Body armor is good, but put a bullet in someone's head and most likely they don't survive.

The Roman soldier's helmet was made of bronze.

It had a leather strap that kept it on his head or affixed to his side...he was never without it, and would never fight without it on his head.

Notice some things this evening as we consider "The Helmet of Salvation."

It will protect is from:

1. A DIVIDED MIND

James 1:8

⁸ *A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*

This has the idea of looking in 2 directions at the same time.

We need a singular focus.

We live in a multitasking society, and we are capable of doing more than one thing, but are the multiple plans we make compatible with one another? Or are we

trying to have a dose of Jesus and a dose of the world,
like that would make us well rounded or something?

A mix of both sides results in a lukewarm Christian.

Can two walk together except they be agreed?

There is way too many fence riding Christian today.

The divided mind comes from wrong thinking...not
wearing the helmet of salvation, getting our mind
protected from the enemy and in tune with God.
Jesus gave everything for me, and He deserves my
best!

Lukewarm service is not good enough.

He deserves better than me living my life on the fence
with one foot in and one out, which is miserable
anyway, because you have just enough Jesus that you
can't enjoy the world, and still enough world in you
that you can't enjoy Jesus!

If we can live 100% for the devil, I can live 100% for
Jesus!

Illustrations:

Who owns the largest printing press in religion, putting out 500 pieces of literature per second?

The Jehovah's Witnesses, who, although deceived and deluded, are totally sold out to their cause.

Who knocks doors an estimated 500 hours before they see a single convert, and yet are starting a new church per day around the world?

The Mormons! Because even though they are wrong, they are totally sold out to their cause.

Put on the helmet of salvation, because right thinking says, Jesus deserves my all.

I wouldn't be here without Him. I don't need to live my life focused on myself and worrying about things under His control.

I need to free myself up to serve the One who has it all in the palm of His hand!

The helmet of salvation will not only protect us from a divided mind but also from:

2. A DECEIVED MIND

2 Corinthians 11:3

³ *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

Genesis 3:1

¹ *Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?*

Genesis 3:4-5

⁴ *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:* ⁵ *For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

The helmet of salvation will not only protect us from a divided, and deceived mind but also from:

3. A DISCOURAGED MIND

1 Thessalonians 5:8

⁸ *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

Hope in the Bible isn't wishful thinking, it's an unwavering confidence in God...it's hope you have already found and received.

When a soldier loses hope he has lost the battle. When you give up, you lose, and might as well throw in the towel and surrender, because victory isn't something that comes from without, it comes from within!

Illustration:

A General and his men were completely surrounded in battle. He said to his soldiers: "Men, they are on all sides...don't let even one of them get away!" That's the attitude the Christian soldier should have, with his mind guarded by the helmet of salvation.

When you see a believer give up, you can know that decision was preceded by wrong thinking.

Close:

Are we wearing the helmet of salvation?