

## Armor of God- Helmet of Salvation

### Ephesians 6:10-18

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, ***be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.***

<sup>11</sup> ***Put on the whole armour of God,*** that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

<sup>13</sup> ***Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God,*** that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

<sup>17</sup> ***And take the helmet of salvation,*** and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

In our studies of the spiritual armor we have come to 2 conclusions: That the armor is ***SPIRITUAL***, and that it consists of ***DOCTRINES***. The helmet of salvation has a past salvation, a present salvation, and a future salvation. It is similar to the division of the Word of God in its division: Past: "*Times Past*", Present: "*But Now*" and Future: "*Ages to come*". This is eloquently shown in the following verse:

### Romans 13:11

<sup>11</sup> And that, knowing the time, ***that now*** it is high time to awake out of sleep: ***for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.***

God's view of us is in our complete state of salvation. We will get more into this in a moment. Our salvation today is being worked out. We will soon see that we have not yet reached the end of our salvation, but in the eyes of God since He sees the end from the beginning, we are **COMPLETE** already:

### **Colossians 2:10**

<sup>10</sup> And ye are **COMPLETE** in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Our salvation has a past, a present and a future. Our salvation has a past in that we heard the Gospel of Grace and were saved. The very next day that part of our salvation was in the past, and now we are in the present time of our salvation with the hope toward our future completion. We **WERE** saved, now **BEING** saved, and in the future, **COMPLETED**. It is a process. The helmet of salvation has to do with the doctrine of our **FUTURE** redemption:

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

<sup>9</sup> Not of works, lest any man should boast.

We believed in the Gospel of Grace. We did not work for it, and we can't lose it from works either.

### **Ephesians 4:30**

<sup>30</sup> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, *whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Presently we are sealed until the day of redemption. And while we are sealed, we have faith that:

### **Romans 8:38-39**

<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

<sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, *shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

And while we wait for the day of redemption, we believe that nothing can separate us from the Love of God....Absolutely **NOTHING!** Presently, in our salvation process, we are growing or being established:

### **Romans 16:25**

<sup>25</sup> Now to him that is of power to ***stablish you according to my gospel***, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

We are established according to the mystery of Christ through Paul's Gospel. We grow and are strong in the power of His ***(Jesus Christ)*** might. The evidence that the Helmet has nothing to do with our past or present of our salvation process is seen here:

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

<sup>8</sup> 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.***

This is the hope of our future end of our salvation. To see what our hope truly is and that it's the future of our salvation, here is the definition:

### **Hope**

HOPE, n. [L. cupio.]

1. A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, ***or a belief that it is obtainable.***

Our salvation is complete when we have been redeemed and it is shown further in the following verse:

### **Philippians 1:6**

<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that ***he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:***

This verse shows further that there is a past, present, and future of our salvation. As a fallen child of Adam we have a 4-fold misery: Ignorance, guilt, pollution, and destruction. When we believed and were sealed in Christ, the 4-fold blessings that were bestowed upon us are here:

## **1 Corinthians 1:30**

<sup>30</sup> But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us **wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:**

The wisdom cured our ignorance. We now know what is required for salvation and understand it. The righteousness cured our guilt of sin before God. We now have the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to our account that removes our sin. The sanctification cured our pollution from sin. This blessing removes the dominion that sin has over us. **(Romans 6:23)** The first 3 blessings deal with our present salvation process. These give us the ability to function as a Christian in our daily life. However, we are still in this body and have not been redeemed yet; therefore, the final blessing is the redemption of our body which is yet future. Redemption cures our destruction, the redemption out of the grave which is our **FUTURE** hope:

## **Romans 5:1-2**

**5** Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup> By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, **and rejoice in hope (Future) of the glory of God.**

Since we are risen with Christ, we set our affections on things above:

## **Colossians 3:1-3**

**3** *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above*, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

<sup>2</sup> *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.*

<sup>3</sup> For ye are dead, and your life is **hid with Christ in God.**

When Paul tells us to put on the helmet of salvation this doctrine is associated with the rapture in which we will come out of the grave **(Bodily Speaking)** or be raptured out of here if we are alive when this happens. **(1 Thessalonians 4:15-18)**

## Romans 8:22-23

<sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

<sup>23</sup> And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, ***waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.***

Whether we be sleep in the grave (***our bodies that is***) or alive on Earth when this event happens, the doctrine associated with this particular piece of armor is associated with the completion of our salvation. This is the hope that we groan for. It now makes perfect sense why there is such confusion surrounding the rapture and its timing now doesn't it? Satan does not want people to see this blessed hope (***Titus 2:13***) that we have for our own redemption. There are many believers out there who have no idea when the rapture should take place within God's program. Some will say it's in the middle of the tribulation period, others the will say the end, and some not even at all. Unfortunately they do not understand the Word of God rightly divided and therefore, the doctrine associated with this particular piece of armor causes them confusion. This will be shown at the judgment seat of Christ. They will be exposed as wood, hay, stubble builders. I pray that this has been eye opening and enlightening to the minds of the readers.....

