

MESSAGE NOTES**SERIES: THE ARMOR OF GOD****MSG: "HELMET OF SALVATION"****FAITHPOINT CHURCH****06.02.25****EPHESIANS 6:10-18**

¹⁰A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹²For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."
EPH 6:10-12, NLT

PAUL IS WRITING TO BELIEVERS

"I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus." EPH 1:1

1. Telling them how to be _____ "in the Lord"; how to withstand the attacks of the enemy (v. 10)
 - We dare not underestimate or overestimate the enemy's tactics, techniques, and tenacity
2. Telling them how to _____ the strategies of the enemy (v. 11)
 - The enemy is a master at choosing the right kind of bait to snare us
3. Telling them _____ the enemy is: a whole host of allies, principalities, and powers (v. 12)

¹³Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷**Put on salvation as your helmet** and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." EPH 6:13-18

IN THE ANCIENT WORLD, HELMETS DID TWO THINGS:

1. _____ = from physical injury
2. _____ = whose side you were on

PAUL USES PHYSICAL ARMOR AS A SPIRITUAL METAPHOR FOR THE ARMOR OF GOD

V. 17 = "Put on salvation **AS** your helmet..."

IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD, "HELMETS" DO TWO THINGS:

1. They _____ our minds
 - Our biggest and most vulnerable _____ is the mind
 - The enemy wants to influence the way we _____
 - Then, he will influence the way we _____ and the way we _____
2. They _____ who we are and whose we are

"When you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him." EPH 1:13-14

PAUL ADMONISHES BELIEVERS TO "PUT ON" SALVATION

1. By _____ Christ as Lord and Savior
2. By _____ the benefits of our salvation
 - Victory over sin
 - Assurance of faith
 - The "Fruit of the Spirit" = love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
3. By _____ to maturity in Christ