

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

GOD'S WAYS ARE HIGHER, PART 4

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Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Ephesians 6:10-17

The Helmet's Purpose = _____

Let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.
I Thessalonians 5:8 (NIV)

...and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.
I Thessalonians 5:8 (NLT)

Our Hope is based on fact, not feelings

- As in the story of the "Lost Cat" we have inside information that causes us to be confident.

The Helmet Protects Against:

1. D _____

- ⇒ With Ourselves
- ⇒ With Others

*Who are you to judge someone else's servant?
They are responsible to the Lord, so let him judge whether they are right or wrong. And with the Lord's help, they will do what is right and will receive his approval.*
Romans 14:4 (NLT)

2. D _____

*The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior. Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory—for all its strength, it cannot save you...
We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.*
Psalm 33:16-22 (NLT)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
I Timothy 6:17

*I depend on God alone; I put my hope in him.
He alone protects and saves me.*
Psalm 62:5-6 (GN)

3. D _____

To Grow Your Hope,
Live With The _____

God's "Last Word"
"Yes, I am coming quickly."
Rev 22:20

*For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!]
2 Corinthians 4:17 AMP*

*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted