



The Fifth Piece of God's Armor that
Protects Against Satanic Attack:
The Helmet of Salvation

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

INTRODUCTION

- Just as the US military has weapons in their arsenal for offensive and defensive purposes, the Christian has spiritual armor/weapons at his disposal for offensive and defensive purposes.

DISTINCTIONS IN CHRISTIAN ARMOR:

The Christian's spiritual weapons are for the offensive purpose of showing forth **Eternal Life**

- Our weapons are “light” (the life of God in activity)
 - **Rom 13:12,14**
- Our weapons “are not carnal” (i.e., not from the sin nature, but spiritual – from the Holy Spirit)
 - **II Cor 10:4**
- Our weapons result in the display of righteous activities
 - **II Cor 6:17, Gal 5:22-23**

DISTINCTIONS IN CHRISTIAN ARMOR:

Christian armor for defense against distractions from living the Christian Life (I Thess 5:5-8)

- **A breastplate of faith and love (vs 8)**
 - Faith energized by love - Gal 5:6
- **A helmet of “a hope (from) salvation” (vs 8)**
 - Encouragement for living out the Christian life NOW!
 - cf Rom 8:18

**The Whole
Armor of God is
for defense
(only) against
Satanic attack -
Eph 6:13
(6 pieces of
defensive armor)**

- **The 5th piece is “the helmet of [the] salvation**
- This helmet looks at the totality of our salvation, not just the future tense of our salvation
- Our salvation is all and only by God’s grace - Eph 2:8-9

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- All 3 tenses of our salvation are based solely and completely on Christ
 - **Past-tense salvation**
 - Freedom for the penalty of sin
 - Rom 4:25, 8:1,34
 - **Present-tense salvation**
 - Freedom from the power of sin
 - Rom 5:10, Eph 2:8
 - **Future-tense salvation**
 - Freedom from the presence of our indwelling sin nature - Heb 7:25
- Permanent security of or salvation
 - Rom 8:28-30

CONCLUSION

- A believer's mind, filled with these facts about our salvation, is protected from the Satanic thought-attacks of disappointment, discouragement, cowardice, and an ungracious (unforgiving) mindset.