

**Series: Standing Firm  
“Helmet of Salvation”  
Ephesians 6:17a**

**Big Idea – We always need to remember it’s not over until God says it’s over!**

**Intro: Description of a Roman helmet**

Made of leather with some patches of metal on it, or molded solid cast metal.

Protect the head from arrows and broadswords.

**1.. Definition of what salvation is referred to here.**

Not initial salvation (Romans 1:16) – not in the Lord’s army, in the battle unless you’re saved by grace through faith.

**2. Three aspects of our Salvation**

Past aspect – free from the penalty of sin (Galatians 2:20; Romans 8:1)

Present aspect – frees us from the power of sin (Romans 6:14; 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:33; Romans 5:10)

Future aspect – frees us from the presence of sin

No more death (Rev.21:4; Rom. 6:23) – no sin, means no death.

1 John 3:2 “...when He appears we shall be like Him”

In summary, salvation:

Happens in past – Justification

Is happening in present – Sanctification

Will happen in the future – glorification

Romans 8:22 – 25 – the creation groans due to curse of sin, but vs. 24 says that “we are saved in hope”

Galatians 5:5 – we wait for the “hope” of righteousness by faith. Someday praise God the battle will be over

1 Peter 1:3 ...in God's great mercy he has caused us to be born again into a living hope, because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

4 Now we hope for the blessings God has for his children. These blessings, which cannot be destroyed or be spoiled or lose their beauty, are kept in heaven for you.

5 God's power protects you through your faith until salvation is shown to you at the end of time.

6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

### **3. The Helmet of Salvation is the Hope of Ultimate Salvation**

1 Peter 1:6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 "...let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

God did not choose us to suffer his anger but to have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

10 Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him, whether we are alive or dead when he comes.

There still is an element of salvation to obtain – the confidence that someday the battle will be over.

### **4. The function of the helmet of salvation is protection from Satan's double-side broadsword of Discouragement and Doubt.**

Elijah's illustration – after greatest triumph a great attack caused great discouragement.

God met him in the desert and later at Mt. Horeb to tell him he was not alone in the battle – there were 7,000 more who had not bowed down to Baal.

### **Don't get weary or discouraged at the trials of others.**

Ephesians 3:13 "I ask you not to become discouraged because of the sufferings I am having for you. My sufferings are for your glory."

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up."

## **Recognize the battle is relentless**

2 Timothy 4:7 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Acts 20:24 “I don’t care about my own life. The most important thing is that I finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

Revelation 2:3 “...you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not given up.”

Rev. 2:10 “Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer, but be faithful, even if you have to die and I will give you the crown of life.”

## **Remedy for battle fatigue**

“Remember that our salvation is nearer than when we believed.” (Romans 13:11)  
Getting close to the finish line – don’t quit now.

Jesus said that we should “always pray and not faint, get weary, or give up.”  
(Luke 18:1)

The helmet of salvation protects me from quitting, from giving up, from growing weary. Why? How? Because I know there’s a light at the end of the tunnel and we will be standing then in the glorious presence of our Savior Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, and He will give us all the blessings He promised to the Overcomers in Revelation chapters 2 & 3.

## **Reminders to persevere**

2 Timothy 1:7 “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,”

1 Peter 3:17 “Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!”

1 Peter 4:19 “So if you are suffering according to the will of God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.”