

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 6:10-20

Colossians 1:21; 2:13; 3:7

Ephesians 4:1

Luke 18:11-13

Romans 5:6-8

John 14:3

Psalms 8:4-5

Psalms 139:13-16

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With four pieces of armor in the books (Waistbelt of Truth, Shoes of Peace, Breastplate of Righteousness, and Shield of Faith), we now arrive at our next-to-last piece of armor, the Helmet of Salvation. It is here we find God's most precious gift to us from His precious Son, and what all other pieces of armor have pointed to. What is salvation, how do we make sure we have received it, and how do we help others make sure they have, too?

THREE STEPS TO SALVATION:

1. Recognize the _____ for _____.

Ephesians 2:3 NIV

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.

2. Recognize your _____ to _____ this yourself.

Ephesians 2:8–9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

3. Recognize the _____ One who _____.

Ephesians 2:6 NIV

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.



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CHALLENGE:

This Week: Review these three steps again, and evaluate your life against them. Do you find yourself needing to make a first-time commitment to Christ or rededication? If not, who in your circle of acquaintances do you know could benefit from having these steps shared with them?

Summer: Read Hebrews 11. Study one or two people listed in that chapter each week to see what their story of faith truly entailed.