

WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE ARMOUR OF GOD

CCIC BELIEVE:

- 1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15 *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."*

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. TEACH GOD'S WORD. 2Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- 2. TEACH TO PRAY. Luke 11:1 “One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE.
Mark 12:30-31 “³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[f] ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[g] There is no commandment greater than these.”

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 4. TEACH TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION.
- Matthew 28:19-20 “¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Text:
Ephesians 6:17

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INTRODUCTION

- In Paul's day, a Roman soldier would never enter the battle without his helmet. The helmet was essential because it protected the head, the most vulnerable and vital part of the body. A blow to the head could end the battle instantly.
- Paul uses this familiar image to teach a spiritual truth. Just as a soldier's helmet protects his head, "the helmet of salvation" protects the believer's mind.

INTRODUCTION

- Satan often attacks our thoughts with doubt, fear, discouragement, temptation, spiritual blindness, and false teaching. God has given us the helmet of salvation so that our mind remain secure in Christ.
- The helmet reminds us that our confidence is not in ourselves, but in the salvation that Christ has accomplished for us.

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

- *₁. NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO WAR WITHOUT HELMET.
- *₂. THE HELMET: PROTECTION OF THE HEAD [MIND].
- *₃. HELMET OF SALVATION AS PROTECTION FOR THE BELIEVER'S MIND.
- *₄. BATTLEFIELD IS OFTEN IN THE MIND [THOUGHTS, DOUBTS, FEARS].

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- ¹³ I write these things to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life .

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- A. Salvation is God's gift through faith in Jesus Christ.
- B. The believer can have assurance of eternal life.
- C. Our Confidence rests in Christ's finished work, not in our performance.

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- APPLICATION:
- A . DO NOT LET DOUBTS ROB YOU OF THE JOY OF SALVATION.
- B. STAND CONFIDENTLY BECAUSE CHRIST HAS SECURED OUR SALVATION.

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- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5.
- ³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have **divine power** to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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- WINNING THE BATTLE OF THE MIND.
- 1.*Recognize the reality of the Spiritual battle v3. For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does
- 2.*Rely on God's powerful Weapons v4. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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- 3.*Reject Every thought That Opposes Christ. V5.
- “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God”
- 4.*Bring every Thought Under Christ's Authority. V5b.
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- THE HELMET REMINDS US TO REJECT SATAN'S LIES AND BELIEVE GOD'S TRUTH.
- APPLICATION:
 - *Fill your mind daily with God's Word.
 - *Replace negative thoughts with Biblical truth.
 - *Take every thought captive to obey Christ.

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- Romans 12:2
- “² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

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- 1 Thessalonians 5:8
- “But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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- *THE BELIEVER'S HOPE IS CONFIDENT EXPECTATION THAT GOD WILL COMPLETE HIS WORK.
- A. Wear the Armor of faith, Love, and Hope.
- “putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.”
- There are three important words in this verse.

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- a . **Faith** protects us from doubt and unbelief.
- b . **Love** Guards our Hearts from bitterness, hatred, and selfishness.
- c . **Hope** of Salvation protects our Minds from fear, discouragement, and despair.

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B. Live with Spiritual Sobriety. V8.

To be sober means to be spiritually alert, disciplined, and Self Control.

A Sober Believer:

- *Always thinks Biblically.
- *Prays continually.
- *Resists temptation.
- *Watches for Christ's return.

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- C. Rest in God's Appointed Salvation. V9
- "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- God gives us assurance:
- *God's purpose is not condemnation for those who are in Christ.
- *Jesus bore God's wrath on the cross for our sins.
- *Believers can face the future with confidence because salvation is secure in Him.

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