

# Christian Combat: Equipment Check - War Helmet!

Ephesians 6:17

*Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes*

**NKJV** - *"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation."*

**NVI** - *" Estén, pues, firmes, ceñida su cintura con la verdad, revestidos con la coraza de la justicia, 15 y calzados los pies con la preparacion para anunciar el evangelio de la paz. 16 Sobre todo, tomen el escudo de la fe con el que podrán apagar todos los dardos encendidos del maligno. 17 Tomen también el casco de la salvacion."*

**NLT** - *"Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. 17 Put on salvation as your helmet."*

I. The War Helmet - **HISTORICALLY!**

II. The War Helmet - **BIBLICALLY!**

III. The War Helmet - **PRACTICALLY!**

I. **The War Helmet - HISTORICALLY!**

- **Ancient War Helmets** of the Roman Legions were impressive pieces of military hardware. Though many armies used helmets of some type, the helmets of the Roman soldiers were among the best in the ancient world. They protected their cranium from crushing head blows, while also shielding their neck, and even the sides of their faces. It shielded their heads from crushing blows, or piercing strikes from enemy weapons.
- **Modern War Helmets** also perform a vital function in today's military.

Kevlar helmets are bullet-proof to many different calibers of shots. The helmets also protect the soldiers from injuries from falling, rappelling, or flying fragments of shrapnel from explosions. The modern soldiers helmet is one of the most important pieces of military gear on the battlefield.

## II. The War Helmet - **BIBLICALLY!**

- Salvation in the **PAST**: Jesus has saved believers from sin's **PENALTY**.
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- **Rom 5:9 NKJV** - "*..having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*"
- Salvation in the **PRESENT**: Jesus is saving believers from sin's **POWER**.
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- **Rom 6:6 NKJV** - "*..our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*"
- Salvation in the **FUTURE**: Jesus will save believers from sin's **PRESENCE**.
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- **Rom 8:21-23 NKJV** - "*..the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*"
- **I believe that Paul is referencing the 3rd aspect of our salvation,** relating to the future promise of **HEAVEN** and the powerful **HOPE** this brings to the believer. Paul wrote using the word "helmet" only one other time in the entire New Testament:
- **1 Thess 5:8-9 NKJV** - "*But 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**. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ..*"
- **As a matter of fact, Paul often wrote of his own powerful hope of Heaven,** and his very personal longing for the Kingdom of God to come:
- **Col 3:1-4 NLT** - "*Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, **set your sights on the realities of heaven**, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 **Think about the things of heaven**, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And **when Christ, who is your life, is revealed** to*

the whole world, you will share in all his glory."

Adam Clarke, the Bible commentator from the 1700s, had this to say regarding Heaven: "We should love heavenly things. We should study them. You should let your hearts be entirely engrossed by them!"

- **Rom 8:18-25** - "...what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. 19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are...20..with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay...23 ..we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering ...including the new bodies he has promised us. 25..we must wait patiently and confidently."

"If you read history, you will find the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought the most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world, that they have become so ineffective in this one." - CS Lewis

- **2 Tim 4:6-8** - "...my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. 8 And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing."
- "There is a crown there which nobody's head but yours can ever wear. There is a seat in which none but yourself can sit. There is a harp that will be silenced till your fingers strike its strings. There is a robe, made for you, which no one else can wear, waiting for you... In Heaven, they are waiting and watching for you." - Spurgeon

### III. The War Helmet - **PRACTICALLY!**

- The Biblical promise of Heaven, the ultimate Hope of your salvation, can function like a War Helmet in your life by protecting your thoughts and mind, from many of the deadly attacks of the enemy. If you fill your thought with the radiant Hope of your Salvation in the Kingdom, it will keep you focused, full of faith, and full of peace!!
- **This HEAVENLY HELMET protects you from **DISTRACTION.****
  - **Matt 24:44-51** - "You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. 45 "A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. 46 If

*the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. 47 I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. 48 But what if the servant is evil and thinks, 'My master won't be back for a while,' 49 and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk? 50 The master will return unannounced and unexpected, 51 and he will cut the servant to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

- **This HEAVENLY HELMET protects you from **DOUBT**.**

- **1 John 5:13** NLT - "I have written this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, *so that you may know you have eternal life.*"

- **This HEAVENLY HELMET protects you from **DISCOURAGEMENT**.**

**John 16:33** NLT - "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But *take heart, because I have overcome the world.*"