

## **The Soldier's Equipment (Part 3 of 3)**

### **Ephesians 6:13-20**

**Intro:** Paul tells us to stand firm with the first four pieces of armor and he then commands us to “take hold of”, and “to grasp” the final two pieces. These pieces being the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit. Pieces that in a rush might be left behind or easily dropped yet are indispensable in the battle against Satan.

- A. Helmet of salvation because Satan attacks our minds
- B. Sword of the Spirit because Satan attacks God's glory

#### **2. The helmet of Salvation**

1. Familiarize- The what

2. Analyze- The why

3. Utilize- The how

#### **3. The sword of the Spirit**

1. Familiarize- The what

2. Analyze- The why

3. Utilize- The how

**Conclusion:** The security of the believer is a favorite battleground of Satan. A place of relentless attack that can only be driven off through trust in the very word of God. Unfortunately, too many fall prey to Satan's attacks in this area because they have put on a helmet of works instead of the helmet of salvation. The only weapon with which to drive off Satan's attacks is the sword of the Spirit. We cannot drive him away on our own, but as did Christ in the wilderness, we can drive him away (James 4:7) with the very word of God.

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**Questions for discussion/application:**

- Doubt, discouragement, disillusionment, and defeat are four deadly ways that Satan attacks the believer. What is the helmet of salvation and how does it ward off these attacks?
- Satan has duped many to put on a helmet of works instead of a helmet of salvation. What are the consequences of this switch?
- What can we learn from Christ's own utilization of the "Sword" in Matthew 4:1-11?
- Do you believe that there is a correlation between the "Sword of the Spirit" and Revelation 19:15? Discuss.