

The Helmet of Salvation Ephesians 6:17

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The Battle for the Mind

2 Corinthians 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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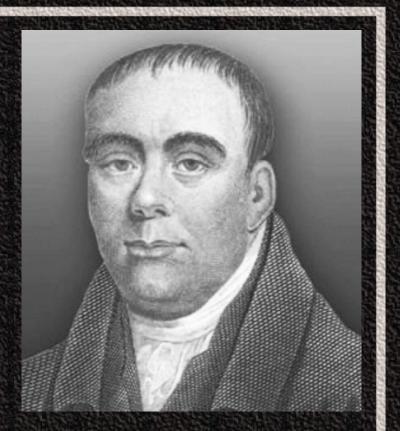
2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ...

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2 Corinthians 11:3 But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Andrew Fuller (1754-1815)

"The language of inspiration, it must be allowed, not only represents the devil as a real intelligent agent, but describes him as having an influence on the human mind."



Take the helmet of salvation?

Why not truth? Knowledge? Self-discipline?

Salvation

Past (Justification)
Present (Sanctification)
Future (Glorification)

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- 4. We receive the gift of salvation by faith.

Salvation: Present (Sanctification)

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are <u>being saved</u> it is the power of God.

1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation...

Salvation: Future (Glorification)

Romans 13:11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For <u>salvation</u> is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

The Helmet of the Hope of Salvation

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet <u>the hope of</u> salvation.

The Hope of Salvation

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

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Revelation 21:24-26 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

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Revelation 21:3 Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Hope Grows and Sufferings Fade

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Guaranteed

Ephesians 1:13-14 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

He Holds On

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:7b-8 ... as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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