

#30. *Armoured With Hope*

“And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION...”

THREE KEY WORDS

KEY WORD # 1. “helmet” ?

> What God gives us to protect our perception and our understanding

> Just the thing for surviving lies and deceits.

KEY WORD # 2. “salvation” ?

What God does to rescue us from:

The penalty of sin: “Justification”

The power of sin: “Sanctification”

The presence of sin: “Glorification”

The harm that comes from thinking of salvation in only one dimension: “Are you saved?”

Doctrinal problems” “Once saved, always saved”? “Saved”?

The Barna dilemma: No difference in how “Christians” live!

Q1. Which stage of the Rescue Operation?

1 **Thes.5:8** But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, **the hope of salvation.**

Q2. What is it about “glorification” that protects our understanding and perception?

Philippians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28-31

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

> “Glorification” is connected by God Himself to the other two stages of salvation!

KEY WORD #3: "take" ?

Q3. How exactly do we put on this "head-protection"?

i. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope

Hebrews 6:19

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil

ii. Be filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit

Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

iii. Live the life that is now possible.

2 Peter 1:3-11

seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge,

and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness,

and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;

for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

John 15:8

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.