

## **The Armor of God: Helmet of Salvation**

**Text:** Ephesians 6:17a

### **As you put on the Helmet of Salvation....**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself of the Gospel (vs. 17a)**

- A. "When you set yourself to seriously pursue holiness, you will begin to realize what an awful sinner you are. And if you are not firmly rooted in the gospel and have not learned to preach it to yourself every day, you will soon become discouraged and will slack off in your pursuit of holiness." Jerry Bridges, *The Discipline of Grace*
- B. Helpful passages: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12); Isaiah 43:25; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 4:7-8; Romans 8:1; Psalm 130:3-4; Isaiah 1:18; Isaiah 38:17; Micah 7:19; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 2:13-14; Hebrews 8:12; and 10:17-18.

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ your doubts (vs. 17a)**

- A. "Doubt about your eternal salvation naturally leads on a trajectory that ends in despair: if you doubt God's desire and ability to save you ultimately, why should you believe in his desire and ability to watch over you in the present storms of life?" Iain Duguid, *The Whole Armor of God*.
- B. "When true believers are constantly worried about their salvation, they are not much use to the kingdom of God. They typically don't evangelize or serve. They essentially stop growing because they are too concerned with themselves. This is why attacking the head is a common tactic of Satan—it makes a Christian unprofitable." Gregory Brown

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ excited about your future (vs. 17a)**

- A. Why should you be discouraged by your present challenging circumstances when you have such a glorious and secure inheritance awaiting you?
- B. 2 Corinthians 4:17 (ESV) For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

**Prayer Prompt** - "God, help me to apply the Gospel today to my own sin, and give me confidence that I am your child. May I face the struggles of this day with great excitement for the glories of salvation that are yet to come."