

**Title:** "Helmet of Hope"

**Text:** Ephesians 6:17: "and take the helmet of salvation"

**Target:** God desires to not only save you but to sustain you, shape you, and see you live supernaturally in your setting for the purpose of leading other people to encounter the God who saved you.

**Key Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11:** "But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a **helmet the hope** of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to **obtain** salvation **through** our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing".

**Teaching Principles:**

### 1. The Helmet of Hope conveys Assurance: "Take"

#### a. Point of Clarification:

- i. **Ephesians 6:16:** "take" (Greek-*analambano*-To Lift) up the shield of faith"
- ii. **Ephesians 6:17:** "take" (Greek-*dechomai*-To Acknowledge) up the helmet of salvation"

#### b. Point of Application:

- i. Ephesians is written to already believers in Jesus.
- ii. The 3 prior pieces of armor already explained as "having".

### 2. The Helmet of Hope confirms Deliverance: "Salvation"

#### a. Delivered from the Penalty of Sin: Justification

- i. **Romans 5:1:** "justified by faith, we have peace with God"
- ii. **Romans 3:24:** "justified by His grace as a gift"

#### b. Delivered from the Power of Sin: Sanctification

- i. **Philippians 1:6:** "He who began a good work in you will complete it"
- ii. **Philippians 2:13:** For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure"

#### c. Delivered from the Presence of Sin: Glorification

- i. **1 Cor. 15:53** "For this perishable body must put on imperishable"
- ii. **Romans 8:30:** those whom He predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified"

### 3. The Helmet of Hope causes Confidence:

- a. **Provides Clarity:** **1 Cor. 2:16:** "But we have the mind of Christ"
- b. **Prevents Conformity:** **Romans 12:2:** "But be transformed by the renewal of your mind"
- c. **Protects against Complacency:** **1 Peter 1:13:** "Therefore, prepare your minds for action."

**Take Away:** Salvation is not just an event, it is a process. The process is the proof of the salvation, not the means in which we purchase the salvation. For you can't purchase salvation, but salvation was purchased for you.