

FRONTLINE

WEEK 6 - ARMOR OF GOD PT 3

5. HELMET OF SALVATION



- THE HEART OF THE MATTER
 - What good is a believer who doesn't protect his head: think about modern day professional sports - the greatest focus of protection is placed upon the head!
 - The greatest battle spiritually (for the believer after salvation) is for the MIND
 - One of Satan's most effective weapons against us is to cast DOUBT upon the very Savior and salvation that we profess.
- BATTLEFIELDS
 - **Soul** - Satan wants to block the spread of the gospel (good news) of Jesus and to prevent individuals from placing their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself is the only salvation and hope for us in this life and the one to come.
 - **Mind** - the battle for TRUTH is essential for the mind. The Helmet of Salvation is essential for security and protection.
 - **Heart** - it's easy for us to get off track or be led astray by other influences in our heart. The Helmet of Salvation guards for us the mind that directly influences our heart (desires, choices, etc.).
 - **Body** - the presence of sin in our earthly bodies is an ever-present reminder of the battle. This part of God's armor is the certainty of our deliverance from sin.
- OK, SO WHAT? HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?
 - Celebrate (be confident) your salvation as not only as a past event, but also as an on-going process or journey for the Lord.
 - **Philippians 1:6** / being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
 - **Philippians 2:12-13** / Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.
 - Grow up in your faith
 - **Hebrews 6:1** / Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God
 - Be bold in sharing your VICTORY with others
 - **2 Corinthians 2:14-16** / But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.
 - Dive into God's Word (see next section for more on this subject)
 - **Colossians 3:16** / Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
 - Keep your focus on Jesus - as has been the challenge in past weeks
 - **Hebrews 12:1-2** / Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...

6. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT: WORD OF GOD

- THE HEART OF THE MATTER
 - Most Christians go into real life battle every day without any armor - especially one of the most important: the **SWORD**. Seriously, what soldier would ever go into battle without his main weapon for engaging the enemy? The sword can be used as a defensive and offensive weapon.
- BATTLEFIELDS
 - **Soul** - the Word of God holds the Words of eternal life and salvation - an attack upon the Word of God as trustworthy is an attack upon God's very salvation.

- **Mind** - the battle for the mind is crucial in every believer's life. Our minds are constantly flooded with media and powerful influences - all pushing for our conformity to the patterns of this world. The Word of God has transformational power for the Christian.
- **Heart** - our hearts are directly influenced by the mind. As our minds go, so will our hearts - dreams, goals, hopes, fears, etc. The Word of God gives us all the direction we need for a heart that chases after God's heart!
- **Body** - the world and our flesh are in constant battle for control in our lives. The Word of God is essential to a Christian living a righteous and holy life - one that is set apart for God's glory!
- **OK, SO WHAT? HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?**
 - RENEW your MIND
 - **Romans 12:1-2** / Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
 - Get deeper into God's Word
 - **Psalm 1:1-3** / Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.
 - **Psalm 119:1-2** / Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.
 - **Psalm 119:105** / Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
 - **Hebrews 4:12** / For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** / All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.
 - Train yourself to be Godly
 - **1 Timothy 4:8-10** / For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men...
 - Follow Jesus' model for using God's word
 - **Matthew 4:1-11** (He answered every temptation with God's Word - used correctly in context)
 - Other Key Scriptures
 - **Psalm 19:9-11; James 4:1-8; Ephesians 6:11-18; 1 John 4:4, 5:4-5; Revelation 12:10-12**

OUR VICTORY: SIMPLY JESUS

- **OUR VICTORY IS JESUS**
 - **Colossians 2:13-15** [We're made alive in Jesus; the Triumph came through the cross!]
- **HIDE YOURSELF IN JESUS**
 - **Colossians 3:1-17** [Set your hearts and minds on things above; Jesus is our Life!]
- **JESUS IS YOUR ARMOR**
 - **Belt of Truth** - it quenches the lies of the enemy *** **John 8:32** / Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
 - **Breastplate of Righteousness** - His righteousness becomes ours! *** **2 Cor. 5:21** / God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - **Gospel Feet** - God's power in us leads us to proclaim the victory of Jesus and the good news that we can have peace with God through Him. *** **Romans 10:14-15** / How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
 - **Shield of Faith** - we put on/hold up God for He is the One who gives us the faith to put out the fiery darts of our enemy. *** **1 John 5:4** / for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.
 - **Helmet of Salvation** - He alone is our security; we can't be saved without Him! *** **Ephesians 2:8-9** / For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.
 - **Sword of the Spirit** - our minds are fed and nourished with God's word when our focus is in Him. *** **Proverbs 3:5-6** / Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.