



55. Your Helmet and Sword

“Take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day ... take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,”
Ephesians 6:13-17.

Your helmet and sword complete your armor. Believers need to put on the helmet of salvation. That’s not the same as becoming saved. This is for those who’ve already been born again. This is the helmet of the *hope of salvation*, that’s

from 1 Thessalonians 5:8. A helmet protects your head ... protects your ability to think correctly. Believers can think correctly because they know that they have salvation. And the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. In your armor, it's the only offensive weapon.

Do you make decisions with eternity in mind? You're going to live forever. Therefore, make good eternal decisions. Your great hope of salvation allows you to think correctly. And remember that *hope* in the Bible is more than wishful thinking ... it means *confident expectation*.

And in the battle, take up your sword. Learn to use it effectively. "*Be diligent to*

present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth," 2 Timothy 2:15. Get comfortable with your Bible. Carry it with you. Use it in the battle! Get fully dressed to win your battles against Satan. Take up all six pieces of God's armor. Gird yourself with the belt of God's truth. Put on the breastplate of righteous living. Put on the sandals of readiness to share the Gospel. Take up the shield of faith. Put on the helmet of the hope of salvation. And use the sword of the Spirit ... the sword of God's Word. Are you fully dressed for success on the battlefield?

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