

A full suit of medieval plate armor, including a helmet, breastplate, gauntlets, and greaves, stands in the center. The armor is highly detailed with rivets and decorative elements. Behind the armor is a large, dark red cross with a textured, slightly distressed appearance. The background is a deep red with a similar texture. The armor is reflected on a dark surface below it. The text "Carry the Light" is overlaid in a white, italicized serif font across the middle of the image. Two grey rectangular bars are positioned on either side of the text.

Carry the Light

“The Helmet of Salvation”
Eph. 6:17

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Review

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.” We must “carry the light” while engaged in spiritual warfare.

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

As I believe, therefore I live.

We need to believe that spiritual warfare is real, face it, fight it, & live victoriously!

- I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
- II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUALWARFARE
- III. THE RUSE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE
- IV. THE RESPONSE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A. A Word of Encouragement, 6:10

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

B. A Word of Enlightenment, 6:11

Eph. 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, **that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

C. A Word of Enablement, 6:12-17

Eph. 6:12 For **we wrestle** not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

1. The Arena, 6:12

a. The Opportunity – 12a “For we wrestle...”

b. The Opposition – 12b-e “...against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.”

2. The Armor, 6:13-17

a. The Demand, 6:13

Eph. 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

b. The Description, 6:14-17

(1) What we sow, 6:14a “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth...”

Luke 12:35 Let your **loins be girded** about, and **your lights burning**;

(2) What we show, 6:14b "...having on the breastplate of righteousness; "

(3) Where we go, 6:15 "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"



<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-breastplate-of-righteousness.htm>

<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-shoes-of-preparation-gospel-of-peace.htm>

(4) What we do, 6:16 “ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

- **The shield is the first line of defense.**
- **The shield of faith is a portrayal of salvation and service.**
- **The purpose of the shield is for the believer’s defense.**
- **Faith protects and preserves our eternal destiny while we engage life, for His glory!**



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<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-helmet-of-salvation.htm>

Every piece of the spiritual armor is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ:

Rom 13:14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

- Loins girt about with **TRUTH** = Jn. 14:6 "...I am the way, **the truth**, the life..."
- Feet shod with...**PEACE** = Eph. 2:14 "...he is our **peace**..."

- The breastplate of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** = Jer. 23:6 “...he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”
- The shield of **FAITH** = Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified **by faith that is in me.**
- The helmet of **SALVATION** = Psa. 27:1 **The LORD is my light and my salvation**; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Eph. 6:17 And take **the helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

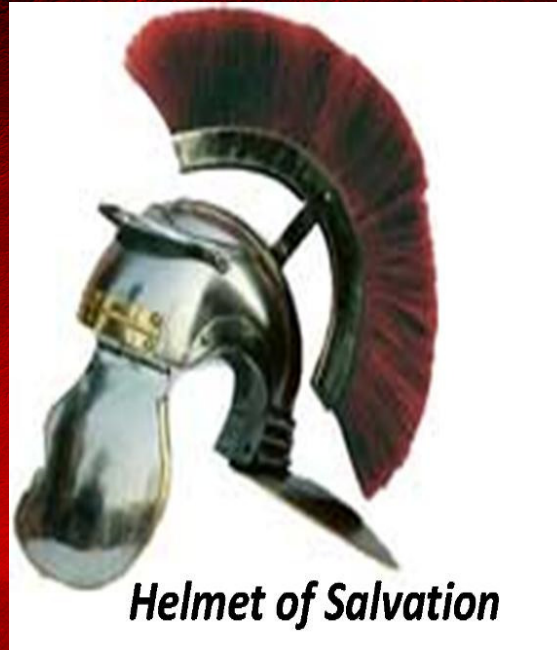
(5) What we know, 6:17a “And take the helmet of salvation...”

Original Word: περικεφαλαία

Transliteration: perikephalaia

Definition: a helmet.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4030.htm>



<http://www.freebiblestudyguides.org/bible-teachings/armor-of-god-helmet-of-salvation.htm>

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- We know that we have a **precept** – “...take...”

Precept = (noun) a commandment or direction given as a rule of action or conduct. <http://www.thesaurus.com/browse/precept>

Original Word: δέχομαι

Part of Speech: **Verb - IMPERATIVE**

Transliteration: dechomai

Definition: I take, receive, accept, welcome

déxomai – **properly, to receive in a welcoming (receptive) way.** (*déxomai*) is used of people *welcoming* God (His offers), like receiving and sharing in His salvation (1 Thess. 2:13) and thoughts (Eph 6:17).

1209/*dexomai* ("warmly receptive, welcoming") means **receive with "ready reception what is offered"** (Vine, Unger, White, *NT*, 7), i.e. "*welcome* with appropriate reception" (Thayer).

[The *personal* element is emphasized with (*déxomai*) which accounts for it always being in the Greek *middle* voice. **This stresses the high level of self-involvement (interest) involved with the "welcoming-receiving."** (*déxomai*) occurs 59 times in the NT.] <http://biblehub.com/greek/1209.htm>

- The Lord offers *the helmet of salvation* to us, and He commands us to **take it!**
- We know that we have **protection** – "...the helmet..." (Athletes, cyclists, construction workers)
- We need protection from the constant onslaught of unholy thoughts upon our minds and souls.

1 Pet. 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

2 Cor. 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, **we do not war after the flesh:**

4 (For **the weapons of our warfare** *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;

- The hope of salvation protects us during our earthly battles.

Isa. 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an **helmet of salvation** upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was **clad with zeal** as a cloke.

1 Thess. 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an **helmet, the hope of salvation.**

2 Thess. 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and **good hope through grace,**

Titus 1:2 **In hope of eternal life,** which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Titus 2:13 **Looking for that blessed hope,** and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Heb. 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge **to lay hold upon the hope set before us:**
19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which **according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope** by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ...

13 Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope** to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1 Jn. 3:3 And every man that hath **this hope in him** purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

- We know that we have a **provision** – “...of salvation...”

Salvation – Past, present, future

Past = Saved from the Penalty of Sin = Justification

Present = Saved from the Power of Sin = Sanctification

Future = Saved from the Presence of Sin = Glorification (anchor of the soul)

Salvation has happened – Eph. 2:8-9

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

Salvation is happening – Heb. 7:25

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, **seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

Salvation will happen – 1 Pet. 1:3

1 Pet. 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith **unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

- The *helmet of salvation* is our focusing upon all that Christ is, has done, and is going to do for us, and through us, for His glory.

Isa. 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.

Conclusion

2 Cor. 2:14 Now thanks *be* unto God, **which always causeth us to triumph in Christ**, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Rom. 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for **now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armour of light.**

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

