

The Armor of God

So Great a Salvation – Day 25

1. The best you can, try to define and describe *salvation*. What does it mean and what does it accomplish for an individual?
2. Write just the first part of Ephesians 6:17 in the space below.
3. Turn to the inside back cover and take a peek at a traditional Roman soldier's helmet. Write the corresponding spiritual principle next to it.
4. Why do you think Paul chose to associate salvation with this particular piece of armor?
5. In what sense do you think our salvation can act as a protective measure for our mind?
6. First Thessalonians 5:8 calls the helmet "the hope of salvation". Discuss the ways that our ultimate salvation in Christ gives us hope and confidence even while living through the trials and difficulties of earth. How does it inform our choices, feelings, and actions? For more, see Romans 8:23-24.
7. Read Romans 5:9-10. Read it through two times very slowly.
8. Can you detect the layers of salvation expressed in this passage? Record your thoughts below.
9. We looked at James 1:21 in week 3. Consider the second half of this verse again in light of what we're studying today. As you do, remember that the Book of James, like Romans, was written to people who were already believers. Record the multilayered effectiveness of salvation expressed in this verse.

10. From week 3 of our study, do you recall what sanctification is? Write a definition in your own words below.
11. Describe the difference between sanctification and justification.
12. How does the sanctification process affect the mind?
13. Go back and look at the verses you've been studying today from Romans 8 and James 1. Underline any verbiage that relates to justification. Circle any that conveys sanctification.
14. Do you usually tend to think of salvation only in terms of what it meant for your past (justification) or your future (glorification)? Or do you also think of it in terms of daily living (sanctification)?
15. What does applying salvation to your life actually look like? What practical benefits do you see filtering into your experience?
16. Consider the two highlight words in the previous paragraph (Salvation is the **rescue** from a state of danger and the "**restoration** to wholeness and prosperity".) In what ways have you seen or experienced both? Write any examples you can think of:
- Salvation 's rescuing power

 - Salvation's restoring power

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