



Be Mindful of your Salvation and God's Word

Introduction:

Ephesians 6:17

- The enemy is after our mind.
- We must protect our minds with the helmet of salvation.
- We have an appetite for the world or the Kingdom of God.

Ephesians 6:17 instructs us to put on the whole armor of God and to “take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

- The assurance of salvation is our impenetrable defense against anything the enemy throws at us.
- Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (**Matthew 10:28**).
- The idea in this verse is that, as we prepare for Satan’s attacks, we must grab that helmet and buckle it on tightly.
- Because of the power of the cross, our enemy no longer has any hold on us. (**Romans 6:10; 8:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18**).
- Through this helmet of salvation, we can “destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” (**2 Corinthians 10:5**).

There are several actions a believer can take to keep this helmet fastened and functioning:

1. Renew our minds. (**Romans 12:1-2**)

2. Reject doubts that arise from circumstances. (**Hebrews 11:6; 1 Peter 1:8-9**)

3. Keep an eternal perspective. (**Matthew 6:20; 1 Corinthians 3:11-13**)

4. Remember that victory is already accomplished. (**Romans 6:11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 3:9**)

5. Find all our hope in Him. (**Psalms 73:25**)

