

Sermon #85 — Ephesians Sermons

Title: **“THE HELMET OF SALVATION”**

Text: Ephesians 6:17

Subject: *The Blessedness of An Assured Hope*

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Introduction:

Let's read Ephesians 6:10-20 together.

(Ephesians 6:10-20) “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (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*. (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. (14) Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (15) And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; (16) Above all, taking the

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shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (17) And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (18) Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (19) And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, (20) For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

You have my text and my subject in verse 17. — *“And take the helmet of salvation.”* The soldiers of Christ must to take **“THE HELMET OF SALVATION.”**

SOLDIERS AT WAR

If we were not soldiers, we would not need armor. But, being soldiers, we need to be covered from head

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to foot with armor that has been proved. I suppose that every believer here knows, as a matter of theory, that he is a soldier, that he has been enlisted under the banner of the cross to fight against the powers of darkness until he wins the victory. But we all need to have our memories refreshed upon this matter.

Being a soldier, especially during a time of war, is not a very pleasant occupation. It is one thing to enlist in the army when there is no prospect of people actually going to war. But it is something else to enlist when you know that you will immediately be on the battlefield. The flesh is naturally opposed to warfare. **When the battle is hot and long, we are all tempted to desert our colors.** That “*we have no abiding city here*” is a truth that we all know. Yet, most of us try to make the earth as comfortable for ourselves as if it were our abiding residence. We are all soldiers. We know that. Yet, often seem to think that we can be friends of the world and the friends of God at the same time.

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My soul, never forget that so long as you are upon the earth, you are a soldier in battle. Perhaps some of you thought that when you were baptized, confessing the name of Christ, and added to the church, your troubles and conflicts would all come to an end. Then, one day, you woke up to an alarming realization. You realized that your conflict had just begun.

Very often I meet with brothers and sisters in Christ who are very troubled. They are having struggles with lusts, temptations, and sins that they never met with before. That is not at all surprising. When you united with God’s saints under the banner of the cross, you did not sheathe your sword. You drew it out against the enemy. Perhaps it would be better, when people joined the church, if we did not congratulate them, as though the victory were won. It might be better to give them a word of preparation. Maybe we should, even then, sound the trumpet. **When you take up the banner of the cross, you**

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may be assured, the enemy will begin to march against you. The fight has just begun.

ALWAYS AT WAR

Remember, my brothers and sisters in Christ, we are soldiers at all times. We ought to sit, even at our table, as a soldier sits, ever ready for battle. We should go out into the world as a soldier goes out to battle. Having put your armor on, never take it off. If you do, in some unguarded moment, you may meet with serious wounds.

- We are marching as soldiers in the enemy’s country.
- We are in the country of an enemy who never gives any quarter.
- We are engaged in battle against one who never will never make a truce.
- We have foes with whom we can never make a truce.
- Be sure you know who your enemies are: the world, the flesh, and the devil.

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Right up to the river’s edge, the conflict must be waged. The ground must be taken foot by foot, inch by inch. Not one step may be taken on this side of Jordan without conflict and strife. Once you are on the other side, you can lay aside your sword and take up your palm branch. There you can take off your helmet and wear your crown. When we have entered the Land of Promise, our hands shall no longer learn war. There our hearts shall learn the sweet music of peace, and rest, and victory. But until then, we are at war. If you would wear the Savior’s crown, you must carry his cross. If you would win the victory, you must fight the enemy. If you would win the prize, you must run the race.

HOPE OUR HELMET

With those things in mind, the Apostle Paul tells us that we must “*take the helmet of salvation.*” The helmet was a cap made of thick leather or brass, extending from the base of the neck over the

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soldier’s forehead. On the top there was usually an ornament and the coat of arms. The purpose of the helmet was to protect the head from blows by a sword, war club, or battle-axe.

What Paul here calls “*salvation*”, in 1 Thessalonians 5:8, he calls “*the hope of salvation.*” **Like the soldier’s helmet a well-founded hope of salvation will preserve us in this day of spiritual conflict.** It will hold our heads erect with confidence. And it will guard us against the blows of the enemy. The helmet defended the head, a vital part. And “*a good hope*” of salvation will defend the soul from the attacks the world, the assaults of our proud flesh, and Satan’s fiery darts. A soldier would not fight well without a hope of victory. And the soldier of Christ cannot contend very well with his foes without the hope of final salvation, “*a good hope through grace.*”

Proposition: What Paul here teaches us is this: — The knowledge and assured hope of salvation and eternal glory by Christ will sustain the believer

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throughout his warfare upon the earth. If we have the hope of eternal life as the anchor of our souls, what have we to dread?

ISAIAH 59

Turn to the 59th chapter of Isaiah. — In all that Paul urges in Ephesians 6:10-20, he is simply telling us that as the soldiers of Christ in this world, as in all other things, we must follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Captain of our Salvation. Here, in Isaiah 59:16-19, the prophet of God gives us the example Paul urges us to follow.

(Isaiah 59:16-19) “And he (**The Son of God, our Blessed Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ**) saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. (17) For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of

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vengeance *for* clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. (18) According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. (19) So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”

As the enemy comes in like a flood, may the Spirit of God lift up the banner of the cross, “*Jesus Christ and Him crucified,*” in our hearts against Him!

Divisions: I want to show you three things in this message.

1. What is our helmet?
2. Why do we need this helmet?
3. How are we to take our helmet and put it on?

OUR HELMET

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1st — I want to show you the answer this question from the Word of God: — **What is our helmet?** This should be obvious. The Apostle is drawing attention to the head, the mind, the brain, the understanding, the thinking of the heaven-born soul. He has already dealt with the feelings and the sensibilities, the emotions, and the desires of the believer. We have seen how the enemy attacks us at those various points. But now we must be careful to see to it that the head is protected as well.

Some seem perfectly satisfied to protect their feelings and emotions. I know that is needful; but it is not sufficient. The emotions of the heart and the understanding of the head can never be separated. Both the heart and the head must be protected. Both are vital. By all means, get the breastplate of righteousness and the shield of faith. But do not overlook your head. Get understanding also. **When Paul speaks of the helmet of salvation, he is**

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speaking of our entire attitude toward God’s salvation.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE

We must have a sound doctrinal understanding of God’s salvation. It is true, doctrinal knowledge is not in itself salvation. But without a doctrinal knowledge of salvation there is no salvation. That doctrinal knowledge may be in the simplest form; but it is necessary. **Faith without knowledge is mere superstition.** See to it that your heart burns with fervent love. But, also, see to it that your head is established with knowledge. This was Paul’s exhortation to young Timothy. — *“For God hath not given us the Spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”* (2 Timothy 1:7).

I make no apology for being a doctrinal preacher.

It is the responsibility of every Gospel preacher to feed his congregation with sound doctrine. God’s promise to the church in the New Testament was this,

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“I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding” (Jeremiah 3:15).

In most places, when men seek a pastor, they seek everything in him except a man with the God given the ability to feed their souls with the Word of God. Most congregations want a man who is good at working with young people, or good to visit, or good at counselling. But as for the sound, thorough, and consistent exposition of sacred Scripture, they care nothing.

It is the business of a pastor to preach. And the only way for him to feed his congregation is to spend his time in prayer, meditation, and study of the sacred Scriptures. Every Gospel preacher must give himself wholly to this work! — **This is the work of the ministry.** (1 Timothy 4:13-16).

(1 Timothy 4:13-16) “Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

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(14) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. (15) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. (16) Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

The doctrine by which I feed your souls is the doctrine of the Gospel. This is the message of the Bible. From the beginning to the end, the Word of God is designed to show men the necessity and the way of salvation by Christ. No matter what our subject is, no matter what our text is, we are to preach the Gospel to men.

- We must continually set before men their utter **depravity**, inability, and condemnation.
- We must rigorously maintain God’s absolute **sovereignty**.

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- We rejoice to encourage the hope of sinners with the message of unconditional, personal, and eternal **election**.
- Our hearts rejoice to declare unto men that Christ has accomplished the salvation of his people by an effectual **redemption**.
- We make men to see that there is no possibility of salvation without the omnipotent **calling** of the Holy Spirit.
- We delight to comfort those who trust the Savior with the truths of our final perseverance and **preservation** in the faith by the power of God.
- And **we assure poor, needy sinners with the promise of God that — “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God”** (1 John 5:1). — Bind yourself to God’s Altar (Christ Jesus), and you shall never die!

In a word, we make all men to know that man is a sinful, condemned, rebellious, hell-deserving creature, and that God is glorious in mercy. We say salvation is of the Lord. Our salvation was purposed

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in eternity, accomplished at Calvary, applied in time, and shall be perfected in glory by the three Persons of the Holy Trinity.

Shall we apologize for this? No, never! **This is the message of Holy Scripture** (Luke 24:25-27, 44-48; Colossians 3:11).

(Luke 24:25-27) “Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: (26) Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? (27) And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

(Luke 24:44-48) “And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. (45) Then opened he their

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understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, (46) And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) And ye are witnesses of these things.”

Illustration: *My First Visit with Bro. Mahan*

(Colossians 3:11) “Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ is all, and in all.”

This is the message that God uses to save sinners, comfort and edify the saints, and magnify the name of Christ (Acts 20:26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:2).

For us who know it best, there is no message so sweet, so comforting, so joyful, so edifying, and so refreshing as the old, old story of the Gospel.

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(Acts 20:26-27) “Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*. (27) For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.”

(1 Corinthians 2:1-2) “And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. (2) For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”

When the saints of God have a good understanding in the Gospel, it will give them a sound mind and serve them like a soldier’s helmet.

- A good understanding of the Gospel will protect us from the attacks of skepticism.
- Gospel knowledge will protect us from all the assaults of heresy.

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- A sound knowledge of the Gospel will protect us from those times of personal unbelief.
- A thorough knowledge of the Gospel will protect us from all the vain philosophies of men.
- A clear knowledge of Gospel doctrine will protect you from every false gospel and all the doctrines of men that are contrary to the Gospel.

We do not need to study what the various cults believe. We need to study the Gospel of Christ.

Then when you see heresy, you will know it. The best way to prove that a stick is crooked is to lay a straight one down beside it.

GOOD HOPE

For another thing, Paul means that it is needful for us to have a good hope of salvation.

The best way to interpret Scripture is for us to compare Scripture with Scripture. If you will compare our text with 1 Thessalonians 5:8, you will see that Paul is certainly talking about the believer's hope.

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(1 Thessalonians 5:8-9) “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. (9) For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Hope in this context is the desire and expectation of eternal salvation. The soldier fights with confidence because he has a good hope of victory. Fight on, saints of God, Christ gives us real hope, “*a good hope through grace*” and “*a sure hope.*”

Like Jeremiah, our afflictions and troubles will be many; but the Lord is our portion forever; and we may safely hope in him (Lamentations 3:21-26).

(Lamentations 3:21-26) “This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. (22) *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are*

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new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. (24) The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. (25) The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. (26) *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.”

Get this silly notion, once and for all, out of your head that there is something magical about Christianity that will keep you from all the problems of life. As long as we are in this world we will have trouble, tribulation, and sorrow. But we do not despair. **We have hope in Christ, both sure and steadfast.**

- We hope in God’s covenant mercies.
- We hope in the Savior’s eternal love.
- We hope in Christ’s unfailing faithfulness.
- We hope in the Lord’s saving goodness.
- We hope and patiently wait for the salvation of the Lord.

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THREE TENSES

It is true that our salvation was finished from the foundation of the world by the purpose of God, obtained at Calvary by Christ’s precious blood, and is accomplished in us in regeneration, by the Spirit’s omnipotent mercy. Yet there are three tenses of salvation.

- We have been saved. We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, redeemed by Christ at Calvary, and regenerated by Christ in the new birth.
- We are being saved. We are not yet made perfect.
- And there is for us a future tense of salvation. The day is coming when we shall be perfectly conformed to the image of our Savior.

It is the hope of this salvation that Paul speaks of as “the helmet of salvation.” (1 John 3:1-3).

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(1 John 3:1-3) “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

Do not allow your troubles to overwhelm you.

Christ is ours. Christ is coming. And we have the hope of salvation by Him, in Him, and with Him. The problem in life is to keep our standing, and not to be overwhelmed by these things that come upon us from all directions.

- **This is what our Lord told us**, that there would be wars and rumors of wars, sorrow and great tribulation. But he said, “*Watch and pray, and faint not,*” I am coming! “*Take for an helmet the*

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hope of salvation.” The King is coming riding upon the clouds of glory, and victory is sure.

- **Our troubles will be many,** *“But our light affliction, which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”* We have hope! Christ is coming!
- **Peter told us we would have troubles.** But he also told us that we have hope, *“After we have suffered a while,”* Christ will come!
- This is the message of the Book of Revelation. — *“Jesus wins!”*

John told us of the many beasts of persecution, of military power, economic power, religious power, and earthly catastrophes that would afflict the church in all ages. But he also said we have hope. — *“Behold, he cometh.”* Let us then be *“looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13), *“looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life”* (Jude 21).

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ASSURANCE

Once more, I think that when Paul tells us to “*take the helmet of salvation,*” he means that **we should seek an assured knowledge of our interests in Christ, who is our Salvation.**

There is an assurance which we must denounce. It is a hypocritical assurance, a carnal assurance. There are multitudes who perish in their sins with a presumptuous assurance that they are saved, without any warrant from the Word of God. I endeavor to shatter to pieces the false, carnal assurance of mere religious professors. **But the children of God, those who have been truly born-again, should seek a confident assurance of their interest in Christ.**

I know that there are some of God’s true people who do not enjoy the blessedness of assurance. **Assurance and salvation are not the same thing.** A man is saved by simple faith in Christ, no matter how weak and trembling that faith may be. But assurance

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is commonly sought by works, feelings, emotions, and legal fears. Therefore, many lack the blessedness, the comfort, the joy, and the confidence of assurance.

The helmet is usually the last piece of armor a soldier puts on. And assurance is sometimes one of the last graces that a believer obtains. First, there must be the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the girdle of truth, and the shoes of Gospel peace. Then comes the helmet of an assured salvation.

Like salvation, assurance is a gift of God’s grace. And if you would have it, you must seek it from him. This assurance comes to us by a living union with Christ and a steadfast faith in His Word. Being united to Christ by faith, and living upon Him as our only hope of salvation, we simply trust Him (Colossians 2:6). **Spirit of God, give us grace to walk and war by faith alone, trusting Christ alone, and we will have this assurance.** Our Savior

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promised — *“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish”* (John 10:27-28). The reason many of God’s people lack assurance is that they do not steadfastly look to Christ. We look at Christ with one eye and at ourselves, our sins, our failures, our corruptions, with the other eye. Look to Christ alone. He alone is our assurance.

Illustration: *Peter Walking Across the Water*

When Paul says, *“take the helmet of salvation,”* he simply means for us to confidently trust the Savior. Trust His righteousness. Trust the merits of His blood. Trust the promises of His Word. Trust His power. Trust His goodness. Trust His grace. — Trust Him!

Thus we see what Paul means by *“the helmet of salvation.”* It is a sound understanding of the Gospel. It is the hope of salvation by Christ. And it is the

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assurance of our personal interest in Christ our Savior.

OUR NEED

2nd — **Why do we need this helmet?** As soldiers we are engaged in a warfare, and we must have the helmet of salvation to protect and defend us against the blows of our enemies. **An assured hope of salvation protects us from every form of attack from our enemies.**

The world allures us with the charms of vanity, pleasure, fame, and fortune. But if we are assured of our interest in Christ and eternal glory by Him, we will not be much inclined to forsake our eternal inheritance for this perishing world.

Our own sinful flesh attempts to destroy us. But an assured hope in Christ subdues the power of the flesh and keeps it from overcoming us. — *“Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.”*

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- Our sinful lusts rise up, but we deny them, saying Christ has conquered you.
- Our pride rises up, but we beat it down as a traitor against Christ.
- Our old corruptions erupt in our hearts, to make us despair of salvation. We weep over them, but we deny them a hearing and refuse to let Satan raise Moses up against us, saying Christ has freely forgiven me through His blood.

Satan comes against us in great fury, but we overcome him with an assured hope in Christ.

- When he tempts us to sin, our helmet protects us.
- When he assails us with inconsistencies, or errors, we are protected by our helmet.
- When he accuses us with sin and threatens us with the law, we repel his blows, taking the helmet of salvation, we say, “I am in Christ, I trust him alone, and for me there is no possibility of condemnation.”

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An assured hope of salvation by Christ upholds our heads in battle.

You have seen pictures of defeated soldiers. They have their helmets in their hands, and their heads hang down. Or to use another illustration, you have seen football players, when all hope of victory is lost, they take off their helmets along the sideline and hang their heads. But as long as there is hope of victory, both the soldier and the player has his helmet on.

- The helmet of salvation holds our heads erect, and gives us courage.
- Those who have an assured hope of salvation in Christ are most actively engaged in serving him.

We fight on with confidence, “*Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith,*” confident that victory is ours. And even as he looked not at the cross and shame, but at the joy and victory he would accomplish, so we look not at our troubles, but at our triumph.

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Those who have for a helmet the assured hope of salvation face the last struggle of death with confidence.

Hope holds the head of faith erect and strong when Jordan swells before God’s saints.

Someone once wrote...

“The least degree of faith takes away the sting of death, because it takes away the guilt; but the full assurance of faith breaks the very teeth and jaws of death, by taking away the fear and dread of it.”

These were **Samuel Rutherford’s words** on his death bed...

“O that all my brethren did know what a Master I have served, and what peace I have this day! I shall sleep in Christ, and when I awake I shall be satisfied with his likeness.”

On his death bed **Richard Baxter** said...

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“I bless God I have gotten a well-grounded assurance of my eternal happiness, and great peace and comfort within.” In his dying moments someone asked him how he was doing. The old saint said, “Almost well!”

I want you to take the helmet of salvation. I want you to have a sound doctrinal understanding of the Gospel, and the assured hope of salvation by Christ.

PUT IT ON

3rd — Perhaps you are asking — **How am I to take the helmet and put it on?** I can in the time remaining only give you a few brief words of instruction.

Faithfully attend the ministry of the Word. It is through the reading and preaching of the Word of God that you can obtain a sound understanding of Gospel doctrine.

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Study Christ. The more you know of Christ’s glorious Person and His saving fulness, His everlasting love and His covenant mercy, His sovereign majesty and His amazing grace, the more you will be inclined to trust Him.

Spend much time in private worship, praise, meditation, and prayer. And trust Christ completely. Trust Him at all times and in all things. Live upon His merits. Take Him at His Word.

APPLICATION

- Take your helmet, the helmet of salvation.
- Go forth to the conflict. In the holy confidence of faith, serve your Master.
- Patiently wait for your salvation. Courage, my brother, it is near. Courage my sister, Christ is coming! Courage children of Go, victory is sure! — *“Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD!”*

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Amen.