

***The Roman helmet was made of brass and fit tightly around the head. It was a work of art with etchings of animals or fruit. There was a plume of horse hair on the top. The helmet would protect the neck and head from the “battle axe” which could otherwise decapitate the individual.***

**Ephesians 6:17** And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION.

The Greek word for “take” *dechomai* means “to accept, to receive, to take what is offered”. There are other words Paul could have used for “take”. One, *lambano* means “to take hold of” and another word for take *aihreomai* has a more violent tone and means “to seize or remove”.

We are to RECEIVE/ACCEPT/TAKE the helmet of salvation. This demonstrates that the helmet of salvation is being offered to us, and of course, it is being offered by God freely (by grace) and we receive it by faith in Jesus.

***Ephesians 2:8-9***

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup>not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

**GRACE IS THE GIVING  
FAITH IS THE RECEIVING/ACCEPTING/TAKING**

But...Paul is speaking to BELIEVERS. Why is he telling them to receive the helmet of salvation? Two reasons:

1. Salvation is an on-going process. We were saved by grace through faith. We are being saved by grace through faith while we live this life, and we will be saved by grace through faith at His coming.

***Titus 2:11***

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly (sanely), righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

2. Salvation is much more than forgiveness of sins. It is EVERYTHING Jesus provided for us through His death and resurrection by which we are born again, successfully live this life, and hope for future salvation at His return.

The word “saved” used in Ephesians 2:8-9 is *sozo* (usually used as a verb).

sōzō

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| 1. to save, that is, deliver or protect | 3. to preserve      |
| 2. to heal                              | 4. to do well       |
|   | 5. to be made whole |

The word “salvation” used in Ephesians 6:17 is *soterion* (usually used as a noun).

sōtērion

1. rescue or safety (physically or morally)
2. deliver
3. health
4. salvation, save, saving

The word “Savior” is *sotare'* (usually used as a person).

Sotare comes from the word sozo. It means “a deliverer, that is, God or Christ; savior”.

Our savior (*sotare*) saves (*sozo*) us and gives us salvation (*soterion*). Notice that these all come from *sozo*. Our *sotare* gives us the helmet of *soterion*. We receive it as a gift and are *sozo*!

AGAIN, NOTICE WHAT SOZO/SOTERION INCLUDES:

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| ▪ salvation   | ▪ prosperity/success (to do well) |
| ▪ rescue      | ▪ healing and health              |
| ▪ deliverance |                                   |
| ▪ protection  |                                   |

I Our salvation is not only initial but continual. Let us receive the helmet of our salvation and live in it to the fullness.

II 1 *Thessalonians* 5:8-11

*But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.<sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

- A We are not destined for wrath but for salvation.
- B The way we stay sober (clear-minded/not drunk) is by faith putting on God's love for us and by putting on the helmet of the hope of salvation.
  - 1 Put on= clothe, array
- C Hope is the Greek word *elpis*, which means  
 → a joyful confident expectation (anticipation) of good ←
- D Salvation: deliverance, preservation, safety, health

### III Romans 1:16

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

“The gospel is the inherent, omnipotent power of God operating in the salvation of a lost soul that accepts it. ‘Unto’ is *eis*, a preposition often signifying result. The gospel is God's power resulting in salvation to the one who believes. Wuest's Word Studies

### IV *It is by God's grace that salvation came and it is by his grace that salvation comes, and it will be by His grace that we are ultimately saved.*

*Titus 2:11*

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men...*

### V Taking/receiving/accepting the helmet of the hope of salvation is putting on the joyful and confident expectation (anticipation) of good that in my circumstances as I call on the Lord, I will be delivered, preserved, protected, rescued, made safe, be healed, made whole, be made successful, and be saved initially (at salvation), continually (in this life) and ultimately (at His return).

### **Ephesians 6:17**

And take/receive/accept  
**THE HELMET OF SALVATION.**

Knowing what we do about SALVATION,  
let us rethink these scriptures.

*Romans 10:13*  
*For WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD*  
*WILL BE →SAVED←*

salvation  
rescue  
deliverance  
protection  
prosperity/success

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*Acts 15:11*  
*"But we believe that we*  
*→ARE SAVED←*  
*through the grace of the Lord Jesus*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*  
*For the word of the cross*  
*is foolishness to those who are*  
*but to us who are*  
*→BEING SAVED←*  
*it (the word of the cross) is the*

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*perishing,*  
*power of God.*

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*Romans 5:10*  
*For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to*  
*God through the death of His Son, much more,*  
*having been reconciled, we shall be*  
*→SAVED BY HIS LIFE←*

*Hebrews 7:25*  
*Therefore He is able also to*  
*→SAVE FOREVER←*  
*those who draw near to God through Him,*  
*since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

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