

Answer Key:

The Armor...

- describes
- distinct purpose
- gospel

Use Your Head...

- Jesus
- deadly blows
 - mind
 - Lord
- spiritual

The Helmet Protects...

- reason
- eyes • lamp
- ears • love
- mouth • power

How to Keep your Helmet Fastened and Ready.

- Renew
- doubts
- perspective • priorities / action
- victory
- hope

Putting on Jesus

“Get Your Head in the Game”

Part 5

Ephesians 6:17 NLT

“Put on salvation as your helmet...”

Introductory Statement

The helmet of salvation serves as a critical piece of the spiritual armor God has provided for you. In some ways, it might even be the most important piece. All other armor is useless without the indwelling Holy Spirit that enters a believer the moment they receive salvation.

The Armor...

• The armor of God is an illustration in the Bible that reminds Christians about the reality of spiritual battle and _____

the protection available to them.

• Each piece of armor has a _____

_____ and means of defense against temptation and

evil.

Ephesians 6:13 NLT

Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

- As believers of Jesus Christ, Christians understand that the _____ is God's power for salvation.

Use Your Head...

Ephesians 6:17 NLT

"Put on salvation as your helmet..."

- Putting on your helmet means we put on _____.

Acts 4:12

"Salvation is found in [Jesus and] no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

For Christians, to receive salvation is to be delivered from our sins and the harmful consequences that come along with them. Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price by being crucified on the cross so that we might have eternal life if we believe in Him. The consequence we deserve is death, but Christ stood in for us out of His great love.

Hebrews 7:27 GWT

Jesus brought the sacrifice for the sins of the people once and for all when he sacrificed himself.

Jesus as salvation!

What does the Helmet have to do with Salvation?

- A helmet protects a soldier against damaging and _____ to the head.
- Spiritually speaking, the helmet of salvation provides hope and protects the _____ against anything that would disorient or destroy the Christian, such as discouragement or deceit
- Salvation is a protection that comes only from the _____.
- Before we enter any battlefield, and every day is a _____ battlefield, we need to ensure we put on this helmet.

Satan wants to keep us trapped in the here and now!

The Helmet protects...

- The seat of _____.

Isaiah 1:18 NKJV

"Come now, and let us reason together..."

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 GNT

"The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments; we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ."

The Helmet protects...

- ...protects the _____.

Proverbs 7:2-3 GNT

...be as careful to follow my teaching as you are to protect your eyes. Keep my teaching with you all the time; write it on your heart.

- The eye is the _____ of the body.

So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.

Deuteronomy 4:15

“ Watch yourselves very carefully.

The Helmet protects...

- ...protects your _____!

2 Timothy 4:3-4 NCV

"because the time will come when people will not listen to the true teaching but will find many more teachers who please them by saying the things they want to hear. They will stop listening to the truth and will begin to follow false stories."

- Good listening is an act of _____.

Mark 4:24 NLT

"Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given."

Romans 10:17 NLT

"So, faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."

The Helmet protects...

- ...protects your _____!

Proverbs 18:21 ERV

"The tongue can speak words that bring life or death..."

- Our words hold great _____. They can build up or tear down, to encourage or discourage, to bring joy or sorrow.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

God of truth, help us to know Your voice amidst all the voices that scream out for our attention. Give us the strength to hear You correctly and to live by Your Word...

How to Keep your Helmet Fastened and Ready

- _____ our minds. Our minds are battlefields.

Romans 12:1-2 ERV

"So, I beg you, brothers, and sisters, because of the great mercy God has shown us, offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him—an offering that is only for God and pleasing to him. Considering what he has done, it is only right that you should worship him in this way. Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

- Reject _____ that arise from circumstances.

No one is immune to doubt!

*Read the Word!

Romans 10:17 NIV

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

- Pray!

1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

pray continually,

In order to stop doubting, trust must be built.

• Keep an eternal _____.

• An eternal perspective affects our _____ and
our _____.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

*"...run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this
by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and
perfects our faith."*

*We develop an eternal perspective as we value the character
and promises of God.*

• Remember that _____ is already accomplished.

1 Corinthians 15:57 NLT

*"But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our
Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Victory can be defined as overcoming or winning in a
competition or struggle over an opponent, or difficult
problems. The bible teaches us that we have already been
given the victory:*

1 John 5:4 NIV

*"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory
that has overcome the world, even our faith."*

There is nothing as enjoyable and exciting as Victory!

- Find all our _____ in Him.

1 Peter 3:15 NLT

"...worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

Closing Statement

As we wear the helmet of salvation every day, our minds become more insulated against the suggestions, desires, and traps the enemy lays for us.

We choose to guard our minds from excessive worldly influence and instead think on things that honor Christ

(Philippians 4:8).

In doing so, we wear our salvation as a protective helmet that will "guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians

4:7; cf. Isaiah 26:3; 1 Peter 1:5).