

The Helmet of Salvation

Eph. 6:17



The Purpose of the Helmet of Salvation:

Note: Satan's attack is in two areas:

- 1) He wants to keep lost people lost.
- 2) He wants to convince the truly saved that they are lost. The results are doubt and discouragement and no peace.

The Proof of the Helmet of Salvation:

2 Cor. 13:5; “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you, unless you fail the test?”

1 John 5:13; “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

THE TEST:

The Obedience Test:

1 John 2:3-5; “We know that we have come to Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, “I know Him,” but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the Truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him.”

The Love Test for Other Christian:

1 John 3:14-15; “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.”

Romans 5:5; “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Because His love has been poured out into our lives, we are going to love what He loves and who he loves.

*the church

*the lost

*the unloving and sometimes unlovable

The Doctrine Test:

1 John 4:15; “If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.”

The Test of Not Loving the World:

1 John 2:15: “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

The Test of Decreasing Sin:

1 John 3:6 and 9: “Anyone who lives in Him will not continue to live in sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know Him or understand who He is.”

The Test of Persecution for Righteousness:

1 John 3:12-13; “Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.”

Matt. 5:10; “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

The Test of Perseverance:

1 John 2:19; “They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

The Appropriation of the Helmet of Salvation

- 1) Renew our minds each day
- 2) Reject doubts that comes from circumstances
- 3) Keep in eternal perspective
- 4) Remember our victory has already been won
- 5) Remember our hope rests in His finished work for us