



Salvation as your helmet

EPHESIANS 6:10-17

Isaiah 11:1-5

Isaiah 59:15b-21



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Salvation

The Helmet of The Divine Warrior



Ephesians 6:17

Paul's final word: **“put on salvation as your helmet”**

Paul draws upon powerful imagery from Scripture he knows to be both very **present to the eyes of God's people** in Ephesus and **strikingly familiar to their minds**.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love and wearing as our helmet **the confidence of our salvation**.

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Genesis 1:27-29

**God provides
superabundance**

**In the image of God He created them;
male and female He created them.**

²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. **Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.**”

²⁹ Then God said, “Look! I have given you **every** seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and **all** the fruit trees for your food.

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Genesis 2:15-17

God's image bearers entrusted

**God is more than
generous in:**

**His person,
His provision,
His protection.**

¹⁵ The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

¹⁶ **But the LORD God warned him,** “You may **freely eat** the fruit of **every** tree in the garden—¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

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Genesis 3:1

A crafty creature's Question



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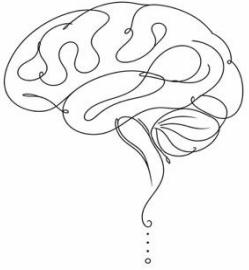
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Genesis 1:16 & 3:4



A crafty creature's Contradiction

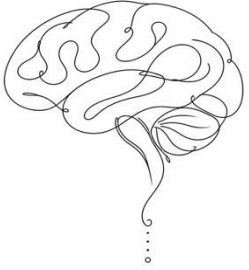
If you eat its fruit,
you are sure to die.”

4 “You won’t die!”
the serpent replied
to the woman.

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Genesis 3



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He created them.**

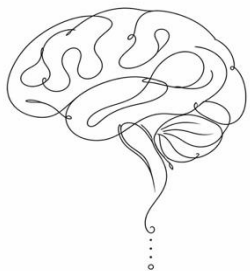
A crafty creature's Deception

⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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Genesis 3:15



¹⁴ Then the LORD God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this, you are cursed
more than all animals, domestic and wild.
You will crawl on your belly,
groveling in the dust as long as you live.
¹⁵ And I will cause hostility between you and
the woman,
and between your offspring and her
offspring.
**He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”**

A strike to the head

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Genesis 3:15

God's provision of Good News

He will strike your head

The death of death

You will strike his heel

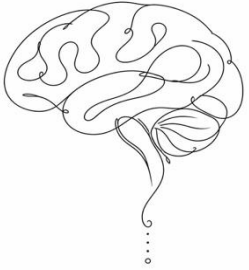
betrayal, scoffing, spitting,
beating, humiliation,
crucifixion

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Isaiah 11:1-5



**What do we learn
about the Spirit of
the LORD ?**

What do we learn about Jesus?

11 Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot— yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

2 And the **Spirit of the LORD** will rest on him—
the **Spirit of wisdom and understanding,**
the **Spirit of counsel and might,**
the **Spirit of knowledge and the fear of**
the **LORD.**

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Isaiah 11:1-5

What do we learn about Jesus?

³ He will delight in obeying the LORD.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

⁴ He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy
the wicked.

⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

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Isaiah 59:15-17

The Divine Warrior

The LORD looked and was displeased
to find there was no justice.

¹⁶ He was amazed to see that no one intervened
to help the oppressed.

So he himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm,
and his justice sustained him.

¹⁷ **He put on righteousness as his body armor
and placed the helmet of salvation on his head.**

**He clothed himself with a robe of vengeance
and wrapped himself in a cloak of divine passion.**

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Isaiah 59:18-19

The Divine Warrior

**What do we learn
about Christ?**

¹⁸ He will repay his enemies for their evil deeds.
His fury will fall on his foes.
He will pay them back even to the ends of the earth.

¹⁹ In the west, people will respect the name of the LORD;
in the east, they will glorify him.

For he will come like a raging flood tide
driven by the breath of the LORD.

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Isaiah 59:20-21

Sealed
in the Spirit

²⁰ “The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins,” says the LORD.

²¹ “And this is **my covenant** with them,” says the LORD.

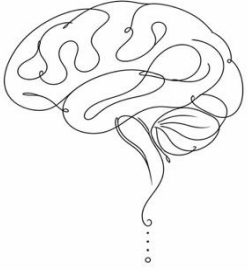
“My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you.

They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children’s children forever. I, the LORD, have spoken!

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Ephesians 4:17-19



Living with a renewed mind

¹⁷ With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused.

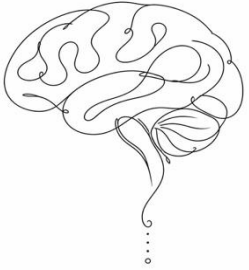
¹⁸ Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.

¹⁹ They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity

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Ephesians 4:20-24



Exploring the way of Jesus

²⁰ But that isn't what you learned about Christ.

²¹ Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him,

²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

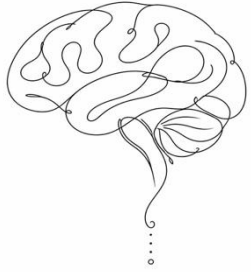
²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

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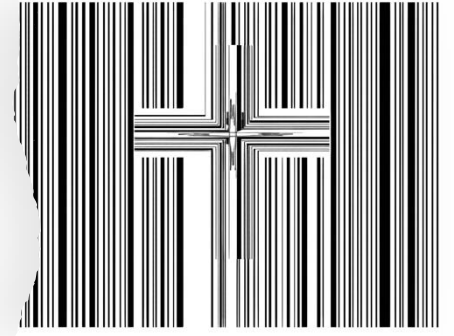


Ephesians 1



**Remembering
our new
humanity
in Christ**

Identity in Christ



We are **beloved** in the Beloved.

We are **redeemed** through Jesus our Redeemer.

We are among **God's holy people** in Christ.

We **possess an inheritance** and **identity** in Christ.

We are **blessed** in Christ **with every spiritual blessing**.

We are **united with Christ** and **adopted as God's child** in Christ.

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Ephesians 6: 10-12

God's power
God's armor

Vs.

Evil powers unseen

¹⁰ **A final word:** Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

¹¹ **Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.**

¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against **evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world**, against **mighty powers in this dark world**, and against **evil spirits in the heavenly places**.

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Ephesians 6:13-15

Certainty of battle
Certainty in battle

Certainty of the
battle's end

Standing firm

FIRST - The Uniform

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the **belt** of **truth** and the **body armor** of **God's righteousness**. ¹⁵ For **shoes**, put on the **peace that comes from the Good News** so that you will be fully prepared.

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Ephesians 6:16-17

And The Armament

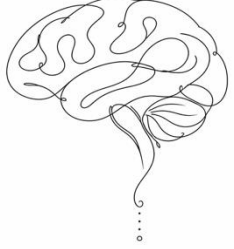
¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the ***shield*** of ***faith*** to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

¹⁷ Put on **salvation** as ***your helmet***, and take the ***sword*** of the **Spirit**, which is **the word of God**.

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Ephesians 6:10-17



Called to be God's Agents Helmets to Withstand

Faithfulness of the
Messiah answered
with the faithfulness
of His rescued captives
-kept safe

The Messiah is victorious in salvation

The response of the rescued is to
Stand Firm

Wearing God's own armor

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Ephesians 6:18

Prayer in community

We stand firm in a middle point of God's redemptive story

We stand rescued, loved, and gifted into new life.

We stand equipped and commissioned.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.

Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers *for all believers everywhere.*

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