

# **“Armored Saint: Helmet of Salvation”**

**Ephesians 6:17, John 3:16-20**

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**All Scripture quoted from NIV unless otherwise noted**

*Salvation is believing that Jesus is who He said He is, and responding accordingly*

- Salvation, in the New Testament, is often translated from the Greek word σωτηρία, which carries with it both a present and a future tense

**Salvation moves you from a place of despair to a place of hope (John 3:16-17)**

- Jesus came to save those who stand condemned already

**Salvation moves you from a place of danger to a place of peace (John 3:18)**

- *Don't celebrate the cross – celebrate Jesus!*
  - The cross is merely the tool that Jesus used to rescue you, by dying in your place [Col. 2:14]

**Salvation moves you from a place of darkness to a place of light (John 3:19-20)**

- Jesus offers salvation – the one way to move from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, simply by believing in Him. You will choose which kingdom you're a part of.
- *“Belief consists of accepting something, not doing something.”* (Tenney)
  - When you first decide to trust Jesus, you may have plenty of doubt and unanswered questions, but your faith will grow stronger with each step that you take with him, because He continues to prove Himself strong enough to save you

**Salvation moves you from a place of death to a place of life**

## **Takeaways from this message.**

**Salvation is believing that Jesus is who He said He is, and RESPONDING accordingly.**

Salvation moves you from a place of DESPAIR to a place of HOPE.

- *God sent a RESCUE MISSION.*

Salvation moves you from a place of DANGER to a place of PEACE.

- *Don't celebrate the CROSS – celebrate JESUS.*

Salvation moves you from a place of DARKNESS to a place of LIGHT.

- *Belief consists of ACCEPTING something, not DOING something. [Tenney]*

Salvation moves you from a place of DEATH to a place of LIFE.

## **DIG IN!**

**Here are some farm-fresh questions that will help you to personalize and apply this morning's message.**

1. *What was most surprising, unexpected, or helpful from today's passage/message? Why?*
2. *Who do you know that has not yet received God's free gift of salvation? What will you do in order to help them understand this free gift better?*
3. *The Bible contains many 'tools' (for salvation, hope, peace, etc.) What are some of the 'tools' that have been most helpful for you? Why?*
4. *If tools had a king, would it be the ruler?*
5. *If you could have a conversation with Jesus, what questions would you ask Him?*
6. *Describe how Jesus has rescued you (that is, share your testimony)*
7. *What does 2 Cor. 10:3-5 tell you about your thought life?*
8. *Today's references include: Isa. 9:2-6, Eph. 2:3, Col. 2:14, 1:12-14, John 8:12, Ps. 140:7, Isa. 1:18*
9. *What have you learned through your personal time of Bible reading this week?*