

Christian Armor, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 6.

II. The shield of faith.

A. The shield here is a large shield used for group defense against Satan's fiery darts.

B. Satan's darts are the seductions of temptations.

C. Only faith can stand against this.

D. Temptation is always an attempt to get us to mistrust God.

E. Satan cannot touch us when we do not mistrust God. (2 Corinthians 1:24, 1 John 5:4, Hebrews 11:24)

III. The helmet of salvation.

A. This was protection against the broad sword in the Roman world.

B. Salvation is present, past and future. (1 John 2:12-13; 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:8)

1. The hope of our salvation is to be like Jesus. (1 Peter 1:3)

2. Our salvation will not be complete until Jesus returns.

C. When Satan comes to challenge us, hope keeps us secure.

D. Never doubt your security in Christ. (Romans 8:35-38)

Application Questions:

1. Why do you think that temptation aims at a person's trust in God?

2. Why do we need the helmet of salvation?

3. How would you counsel someone to grow their faith? Explain.
