**The Helmet of Salvation Ephesians 6 v 10-18**

Don’t underestimate God’s power : Eph 1 v 17-20

*Salvation is not limited to a one-time act of the past or even a future hope. God’s salvation is an ongoing, eternal state that His children enjoy in the present. It is daily protection and deliverance from our sin’s nature and Satan’s schemes”*

A salvation mindset

Who am I? Isaiah 43 v 1, Isaiah 54 v 5, Gal 4 v 4-7

What am I doing? 2 Thess 3 v 13, Is 59 v 17,Is 51, v5 v6, v8 2 Thess 2 v 11.12

Where am I going? John 14 v 3, Luke 23 v 43 Eph 1 v 18

It’s the Lord’s helmet Is 59 v 16.17

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Discussion questions

1. 19% of non Christians between 18 and 24 are asking what happens when I die? Does that statistic surprise you? How might that encourage our evangelistic outreach?
2. How would you define salvation? Is it all about the future ‘ Pie in the sky’ or the present ‘steak on the plate’ as well.
3. Referring to the italics quote in the summary above, how does our confidence in salvation affect the way we live today?
4. How would you go about describing your identity?’ Read the verses : Isaiah 43 v 1, Isaiah 54 v 5, Gal 4 v 4-7. Why is it important for us to know how God sees us? Perhaps listen to the worship song ‘*who am I that the highest king would welcome me’* Take time to let that sink in and spend time in thanksgiving.
5. Think of occasions when acts of goodness towards you have encouraged you or where you have had opportunity to encourage others? How do we avoid goodness being perceived as boring/kill joy?
6. Read the verses in Isaiah C 51,v5, v6 and v8 and note the link between righteousness and salvation. Why do you think that is the case? What responsibility do we thus have to promote acts of goodness?
7. Read 2 Thessalonians 2 v 11 and 12 Discuss the opportunity we have to add to the glory of Jesus as he is glorified in us. Note too the promise that we will be glorified in him . What does this mean?
8. How does Paul’s teaching replicate Jesus own instructions Matthew 5 v 16
9. What promise is given to us in Isaiah 58 v 6
10. Jesus said in my father’s house are many rooms? Take time to imagine a room that you would like. What is the second half of the promise in John 14 v 3
11. Read Isaiah 59 v 16/17. Reflect that we are given the right to wear a helmet of salvation that Jesus himself wore \_ he knew who he was, he knew his calling and he knew his future and he gives us the same rights.
12. Pray around 2 Thessalonians 2 v 13-17

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, **17**encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.