

Ephesians 6:17 Commentaries

Adam Clarke's Commentary

Ephesians 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation—Or, as it is expressed, 1 Thessalonians 5:8, And for a helmet, the hope of salvation. It has already been observed, in the description of the Grecian armor, that on the crest and other parts of the helmet were a great variety of emblematical figures, and that it is very likely the apostle refers to helmets which had on them an emblematical representation of hope; viz. that the person should be safe who wore it, that he should be prosperous in all his engagements, and ever escape safe from battle.

So the hope of conquering every adversary and surmounting every difficulty, through the blood of the Lamb, is as a helmet that protects the head; an impenetrable one, that the blow of the battle-axe cannot cleave. The hope of continual safety and protection, built on the promises of God, to which the upright follower of Christ feels he has a Divine right, protects the understanding from being darkened, and the judgment from being confused by any temptations of Satan, or subtle arguments of the sophistical ungodly. He who carries Christ in his heart cannot be cheated out of the hope of his heaven,...

A Commentary: Critical, Experimental, and Practical on the Old and New Testaments.

Notes for Verse 17

Verse 17. take—a different Greek word from that in Eph 6:13, 16; translate, therefore, "receive," "accept," namely, the helmet offered by the Lord, namely, "salvation" appropriated, as 1Th 5:8, "Helmet, the hope of salvation"; not an uncertain hope, but one that brings with it no shame of disappointment (Rom 5:5). It is subjoined to the shield of faith, as being its inseparable accompaniment (compare Rom 5:1, 5). The head of the soldier was among the principal parts to be defended, as on it the deadliest strokes might fall, and it is the head that commands the whole body. The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure Gospel "hope" of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine, or give way to Satan's temptations to despair. God, by this hope, "lifts up the head" (Ps 3:3; Lk 21:28).

Note: If you search out and follow the **root** definition for the word **salvation** Greek **#4992** it reveals a deeper meaning for salvation. It is very powerful!! (#4992, #4991, #4990, **#4982**)

Greek Word: σωζω

Transliteration: sōzō

Phonetic Pronunciation: [sode'-zo](#)

Root: from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saos, "safe")

Cross Reference: TDNT - 7:965,1132

Part of Speech: v

Vine's Words: [Heal](#), [Healing](#), [Recover](#), [Save](#), [Saving](#), [Whole](#), [Wholly](#), [Wholesome](#)

Usage Notes:

English Words used in KJV:

save 93

make whole 9

heal 3

be whole 2

miscellaneous translations 3

[Total Count: 110]

from a primary **sos** (contracted for obsolete **saos**, "safe"); to *save*, i.e. *deliver* or *protect* (literal or figurative) :- heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.