

Ephesians 6:10-20

"The Shield & the Helmet"*

Introduction: *A Unique Sermon Introduction*

- **One demonic suggestion to unbelievers:** "Surely you must be on your way to heaven because you are basically a good person, and you are way better than a lot of people."
- **A demonic suggestion that goes in the exact opposite direction:** "Surely you could never be on your way to heaven because you are far too sinful to ever be forgiven for your sins."
- **An apparently common demonic suggestion to believers:** "You will never be victorious over this sinful tendency, so why bother to fight against it?"

We must heed the call of God to His people to _____

_____ the _____ of faith and the

_____ of salvation.

- **What the devil shoots at believers:** fiery darts or arrows aimed at the believer's heart and head
- **What Paul is essentially saying:** "Believe the objective truth of God's word!"

- **A great danger to our souls:** ignorance of what God says in His word
- **The dangerous doctrine known as "implicit faith":** has led multitudes of people to look to the church for salvation instead of looking in faith to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- **Faith:** a humbling grace but also a conquering grace
- **William Gurnall:** "Faith is a plant that can grow in the shade, a grace that can find the way to heaven in a dark night."
- **"The helmet of salvation":** a reference to the believer's assurance of salvation
- **The assurance of salvation:** gives the believer a sort of heaven on earth.
- **The assured believer:** a powerful witness for the Lord & Savior Jesus Christ
- **Personal Application:**

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