**February 10, 2019 “The Helmet of Salvation”, Pt 3 Ephesians 6:10-17**

If you will remember, over the last couple of weeks, we have been looking at or studying the application of the helmet of salvation. We talked about the three aspects of salvation for the believer.

There is the:

* Past aspect of salvation as illustrated in Ephesians 2: 8-9… “by Grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not as a result of works, so that no one may boast”.
* Present aspect of salvation as illustrated in Hebrews 7:25… “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him , since He always lives to make intercession for them”.
* Future aspect of salvation as illustrated in II Timothy 4:8… “in the future there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award me on that day and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing”.

I can think of no better passage to bring us to “where the rubber meets the road” than II Corinthians 4:6-5:1 where the past, present and future of salvation for the believer is laid out in such clear terms.

* Past… II Corinthians 4:6-7… salvation is the gift of God
* Present… II Corinthians 4:8-13… life is going to be a struggle
  + Note all the tools of the devil to dissuade the believer
* Future… II Corinthians 4:14-5:1… the future is sure

Question… “what value is there in the first two aspects of salvation that is not there in the third?”

Here is where Satan loves to play in the mind of believer… with doubt

* What makes you think you are going to heaven?
  + You just lost it with your kids on the way to church this morning
  + You just let your wife have it for something that was really your own fault… what kind of Christian does that?
  + What kind of Christian thinks the thoughts you think?
  + Are you sure that you are saved?
  + What makes you think that you are saved? You mess up all the time
  + What if you died today… would you go to heaven?
  + On and on it goes

1. Romans 8:30
   1. Note the progression
      1. Those whom He called
      2. He justified
      3. Those He justified… He glorified
2. John 6:37-38
   1. John 6:37
      1. All that the Father gives to Me
         1. Will come to Me
         2. Those who come
            1. I will certainly not cast out
            2. Note “certain”

How many of us are certain that today is Sunday?

How many of you are certain that you are in church?

If we are certain of those things why would we be uncertain about Christ’s relationship to us?

* + 1. I have come to do the will of Him who sent Me (John 6:38)
       1. What is the will of the Father?
          1. John 6:39-40

I will lose nothing

I am going to raise it up on the last day

What is the it? Or who is the it?

Everyone who believes in the Son

Will have eternal life

* + - 1. So, it is the will of God the Father to give unto His Son the souls of saved men
      2. It is certain that Jesus will not cast them out
         1. So, what is there to doubt about that?

1. John 10:27-30
   1. Note here the ending of the parable of the Good Shepherd
      1. My sheep hear my voice
         1. Why do Christians come to church?
         2. Do they not want to hear from God’s Word?
            1. Which is what?

His voice calling them

* + 1. They follow me
       1. Do they slip and fall at times?
       2. Do they get stuck in brambles and mud?
       3. Do trip on rocks?
    2. I will give
       1. Did they earn what I am going to give them?
    3. Give them what?
       1. Eternal life
          1. How long is that?
          2. When will it end?
    4. They will never perish
       1. How often will they perish?
    5. No one will snatch them out of My hand
       1. Who is going to lay a charge against God’s elect?
       2. Who is going to condemn them?
    6. Who gave them to Me?
       1. Who is going to snatch them out of His hand?
       2. Who is no one?
          1. What about the devil?
    7. I and the Father are One

Is that your view of salvation or are you wondering and questioning all the time whether you are going to heaven? Do you feel that you are constantly messing up and there is no way God is going to save you?

Lord Jesus, thank you for your death on the cross which completely paid for the penalty of my sins. Lead me in the paths of righteousness for your Name’s sake. Help me not trust in myself but rather take your promises and apply them to my life.