

UNDER ARMOR

EPH. 6:14-17

PERFORMANCE APPAREL

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THE HELMET OF SALVATION—PROTECT YOUR MIND

A SAVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS REQUIRES...

1. AN _____ CONNECTION.

“...which is the greatest commandment?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...” **Matthew 22:36, 37** (NIV)

- Because Christianity is emotional, I must guard my _____.

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... ¹⁴ ...with the breastplate of righteousness in place...

Ephesians 6:11, 14, (NIV)

So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are... **Proverbs 4:23**(TPT)

2. A _____ CONNECTION.

“...which is the greatest commandment?” ³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...and all your mind” **Matthew 22:36, 37** (NIV)

But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words.” **Acts 26:25** (ESV)

- Because Christianity is rational, I must guard my _____.

Put on the full armor...so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation... **Ephesians 6:11, 17** (NIV)

THE HELMET OF SALVATION PROTECTS ME ...

1. BY MAKING ME AWARE OF _____.

Keep your mind clear, and be alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion as he looks for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (GW)

I don't want Satan to outwit us. After all, we are not ignorant about Satan's scheming. **2 Corinthians 2:11** (GW)

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44** (NIV)

- **Lies to Deceive me with False _____.**
 - *“Impossible, you could never be saved!”*
- **Lies to deceive me with False _____.**
 - *“Impossible, you could never be lost!”*
- **Lies to deceive me with False _____.**
 - *“It doesn’t matter what you believe, hang on to your truth.”*
- **Lies to deceive me with False _____.**
 - *“If you had that you would be truly happy!”*

2. PROVIDING ME THE _____ TO _____ GOD’S TRUTH.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. **2 Corinthians 10:5** (NIV)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16, 17** (NLT)

3. BY GIVING ME AUTHORITATIVE ASSURANCE OF MY SALVATION.

I have put these things in writing for you who have faith in the name of the Son of God, so that you may be certain that you have eternal life. **1 John 5:13** (BBE)

- **Salvation is a matter of _____, not a matter of _____.**

This is the way we know that we belong to the way of truth. When our hearts make us feel guilty, we can still have peace before God. God is greater than our hearts.... **1 John 3:18, 19** (NCV)

But since we belong to the day, we must stay alert and clearheaded by placing the breastplate of faith and love over our hearts, and a helmet of the hope of salvation over our thoughts. **1 Thessalonians 5:8** (TPT)

Since the children are made of flesh and blood, it's logical that the Savior took on flesh and blood in order to rescue them by his death. By embracing death, taking it into himself, he destroyed the Devil's hold on death ¹⁵ and freed all who cower through life, scared to death of death. **Hebrews 2:14, 15** (MP)