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**The helmet of salvation. Protects the head, brain, the thoughts. Hope = confidence.**

Why does **IThess.5:8** talk about the *hope* of salvation? **IThess.5:8-11; Heb.12:1-3**

**It is our confidence in God's promise that we're destined for salvation, not wrath. No lie...**

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**Our thoughts are protected by the promises in the written Word. Know it, believe it...!**

So why is the Sword of the Spirit so important? **6:17; Jn.17:17; Heb.4:12; Mt.4:4-11**

**Sanctify them in the truth, Your Word is truth. The Word is both a defense and a weapon!**

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**When the attack is from our flesh, our old nature. The enemy is me! My defense is Word!**

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**It is to pray, in the Spirit, always, being persistent, make supplication for all the saints!**

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**Also pray for me, to have bold words to proclaim the mystery of Gospel as I ought to!!**

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**Grace be to all (includes us) who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love. AMEN!**