

SERIES: LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE

#1699: Keeping Your Head When Everyone Else is Losing Theirs.

How do we protect ourselves from the mind games of our culture?

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NIV=New International Version, NLT=New Living Translation, ESV=English Standard.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ... Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth ... the breastplate of righteousness, as shoes ... the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith ... and take the helmet of salvation ... — Ephesians 6:12-17 (ESV)

How do I wear the helmet of salvation?

1. Live in the _____ of Your _____.

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. — Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 6:23 (NLT)

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. — Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)

Pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins and giving me a place in your heaven. Take control of my life and make me the person we both want me to be. Amen.

2. Live in the _____ of _____.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. — Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better. We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.

— Colossians 1:9–11 (NLT)

3. Live in the _____ of the _____.

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

— John 10:27-30 (NLT)