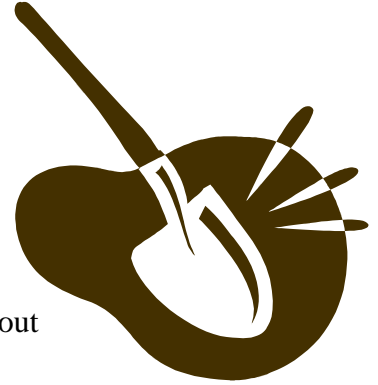


Digging Deeper

Series: A Call to Arms
Sermon: **The Armor-The Helmet of Salvation**
Scripture: Ephesians 6:17; Selected Scriptures



GETTING STARTED

On the following scale, rate the degree to which you struggle with doubts about your salvation or about elements of your faith:

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I Never Doubt I Have Lots of Doubts

Of what benefit is it to Satan to cause us to doubt our relationship with God?

BIBLE STUDY

1. Read the following verses which contrast the difference in the life of a person before he trusts Christ as Savior with his life after salvation. What words or phrases in each verse describe the person before salvation? Which ones describe him after he is saved?

	Before	After
Ephesians 5:8		
Ephesians 4:17-19		
1 Peter 2:9		

2. Read the following verses. What assurances do you have about your salvation from each set of verses?

- Romans 8:35-39
- John 5:24
- John 6:37
- John 17:12
- Philippians 1:6

3. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 and answer the following questions.

- What event precedes a person being “marked in him with a seal (NIV)”?
- What is significant about the words “deposit” and “guaranteeing” in verse 14?
 - If you did not have an assurance of salvation—if you could lose your salvation—what would that imply about God’s “seal”; His “deposit”; His “guarantee”?

APPLY IT

Which of the following spiritual disciplines do you need to practice more regularly in order to maintain a sense of assurance about your salvation (check as many as apply)?

___ Personal Devotions

___ Group Bible Study

___ Christian Fellowship

___ Prayer

___ Corporate Worship

___ Christian Service

___ Sharing my faith

___ Other: _____

Please be aware that the above disciplines do not save you or keep you saved, but they can help you to develop a greater sense of assurance that your salvation is real and genuine.