

HOPE IN THESE DAYS

Paul, in his first letter to the Thessalonians, writes..."The hope of salvation is the helmet." (5:8)

I thought of those words today as I struggled with what message to share with you, my friends. A helmet is an article of protection...in football, most all sports...and in battle. Our grandchildren learned early that if they were to ride their bikes...dad and mom insisted that they wear a helmet.

Paul also tells us about how Hope is fashioned. "Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings; because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character...Hope.

If you're like me, you're probably wishing there was a helmet somewhere that we could just 'put on' to protect us from these present times. Suffering is something we really try to avoid. But it usually comes to us someday...in one form or another.

We can endure just about anything if we have hope. Without it, we cannot survive. Let these words enter your spirit and your soul these days..."God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we shall not fear." "Come to me, those of you who are burdened and heavy laden...I will give you rest and peace."

Nothing can separate us from God's love. You are more than conquerors through God. Wear that hat! It is your helmet of salvation.

God's peace....where there is Hope...there is life.

Pray with me: Father, in these times, shelter us with your helmet of salvation and saving grace. Amen...in Jesus name, Amen.

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