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ARE YOU HARD HEADED? THE HELMET OF SALVATION

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I bet many of you didn't know, that I am a big fan of motorcycles.

There's a poll that asks the question why do you ride without a helmet. Some answers...

1) *Some biker's don't wear helmets because they don't like the way they look. Helmets aren't cool in the motorcycle community.*

2) *Some bikers choose to not wear helmets because they believe helmets impede their experience. "When you wear a helmet, you don't get to enjoy the complete experience" many bikers claim.*

"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation..." Ephesians 6:16-17 (NIV)

3-HARD HEADED QUESTIONS

The 1st Hard Headed Question is:

Are you wearing the helmet of salvation?

The 2nd Hard Headed Question is:

How does Satan bring about spiritual headaches and mind-attacks?

The 3rd Hard Headed Question is:

How does my Hard-headed Helmet of Salvation protect me against Satan's headaches and mind-attacks?

SALVATION HEADACHE REDUCING PRINCIPLES

1. JUSTIFICATION = Pain-Relief

The word "justified" is a legal term that literally means to be freed from guilt.

"By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise." Romans 5:1-2 (MSG)

"With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2 (MSG)

2. SANCTIFICATION = Pain-Block

The word "sanctified" means to be set apart as or declared holy, to consecrate.

"May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!" 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (MSG)

"Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, "I am holy; you be holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16 (MSG)

"There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears." Philippians 1:6 (MSG)

3. GLORIFICATION = Pain-Free

The word "glorified" means to be made glorious: to be the transformed and be like the glorified Jesus.

"What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole." 1 Peter 1:3-5 (MSG)