

***“The Helmet & the Sword:
Part III”***

Eph 6:10-20

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Three Key Words:

Renewal – Transformation – Union

Renewal:

The process of salvation is roughly equal to the renewing of our minds with regard to God, self, others, and all things.

John 3:35-36

“The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

Amos 3:6

*“Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD
has done it?”*

Revelation 16:8-11

“⁸ The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire. ⁹ They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory. ¹⁰ The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish ¹¹ and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.”

Renewal:

*“Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind...”*
(Romans 12:2)

The Greek word for “transformed” here means “to change the essential form or nature of something” and thus the renewal of the mind does more than add information: it transforms our being.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

Union with Christ:

The process of renewing our minds and transforming our souls has an almost unimaginable and unspeakable end, namely, union with Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:3-4

*“³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”*

The Connection to the Helmet & Sword:

As Jesus Christ uses his Word to pierce, renew, transform and unite us to himself, he then uses that same Word to exercise his power through US.

- We yield, he wields.
- We submit, he strikes.
- We listen, he speaks.