

THE HELMET & THE SWORD: PART III
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Pastor Charlie highlighted three words this morning: renewal, transformation, and union. Can you summarize the main point of each of these words?

2. Why does salvation have so much to do with the renewal of our minds? How does God go about this renewal? How did the illustration of the love and wrath of God help you understand this process?

3. Paul says in Romans 12:2 that we who believe in Christ are to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. Look up John 3:3 & 7, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and 2 Corinthians 5:17 and discuss what you think Paul means by the word “transformed.” How does this relate to being formed into the image of Christ? (see Rom 8:29 & Col 3:10)

4. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4. What is the end-goal of the transformation of our souls? What does it mean to say that believers “become partakers of the divine nature”? What does it *not* mean?

5. How does renewal, transformation, and union with Christ relate to the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit? Why did Jesus tell his disciples in Luke 12:11-12 that they should not be anxious about what to say to those in authority?

6. How did the story of Ron Porter and his daughter help you understand the process and outcome of renewal, transformation, and union with Christ?