

Very simply this; Every day you live, no matter how bad things get, you have one security in life that no one can take away from you. If you lose everything else and go to the poor farm, you can't lose your salvation.

No one can take away your eternal reward. No one can take away what God has given you in Christ. You always have that, therefore you are rich, filthy rich!

**The helmet of salvation gives you the practical assurance that you need in facing not only failures but also the doubts and fears that assail you in life, so that you can move forward with perfect confidence in spiritual advance.**

## **THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT:**

The Roman short sword, the *machaira*, revolutionized warfare in the ancient world.

Armies everywhere else were thinking bigger had to be better, so they made bigger swords and bigger swords and bigger swords, until they finally came up with what was called the *romphaia*. We know it as the broadsword. The Thracian broadsword stood about 6 feet tall. It took a giant to use it. One man would lug this thing out to the battlefield and then hand it over to the barbarian soldier and the barbarian would just stand there with this huge sword and mow men down as they came at him.

But Roman men were very small; they averaged about 5'8" and 145 to 160 pounds. It was obvious that a 6 foot sword wouldn't suit them. So they came up with the *machaira*.

It was short, and each one was matched to the man who used it. Its length was the distance from the soldier's elbow to his fingertips because this was the most natural extension, and it made the *machaira* easy for the Roman soldier to use.