

TRUE AND RIGHT



Eph 6:13-14, ESV – ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of May 12, 2019
Eph 6:13 – 14

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that Christians can only stand strong against Satan's attacks by putting on the full armor of God. Why is the belt of truth the first piece of armor we must put on?
- 2 Putting on the belt of truth involves knowing and choosing the truth. How can we know and choose the truth?
- 3 God has made us right by covering us in Christ's righteousness. How should we live our life in light of this understanding?
- 4 Continuously making right choices is our best defense against future temptations. Do you agree with this statement? Explain.

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 **Ps 51:6, ESV** – ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Is 11:5, ESV – ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

John 1:14, ESV – ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Luke 12:35, ESV – ³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.

What was the primary purpose of the belt for a soldier when Paul wrote this letter? What are the spiritual implications of this analogy?

Who is the source of truth? How does the truth relate to our integrity?

Why is it important to be totally honest with God, others, and ourselves in light of Satan's primary tactic to deceive us?

Scripture tells us to be dressed and ready for battle. How do we "put on the belt of truth" prior to the battle?

2 *Is 59:16-17, ESV* – ¹⁶He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. ¹⁷He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Is 61:10, ESV – ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

2 Cor 6:7, ESV – ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left;

What vital organs does a real breastplate protect? What are the spiritual implications of this analogy?

What is righteousness? How does God's righteousness relate with our loyalty to Him?

Righteousness protects us from Satan's second tactic, accusations. Describe a time when Satan has used accusations against you and how you responded.

How do we cultivate and live a life of righteousness?

TAKING IT HOME

Paul illustrates that successful resistance of Satan's attacks means drawing on the resources God provides. It is not something we can do on our power. Truth and righteousness are elemental resources that must be put on first to be successful. In what ways do you prepare for battle? In what ways do you neglect preparation for battle? what can you do about the later? Share what God is teaching you with an accountability partner and pray together.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Exodus 12:11

Psalms 119:160

John 17:17

1 Cor 1:30

Phil 3:8-10

1 Thess 5:8