

## The Armor of God!

<sup>11</sup> Put on the **whole Armour of God**, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **Eph 6:11 (KJV)**

Summer has come to a close and school is back in session. With every new school year, we have an awesome opportunity to proclaim God's truth to a lost and dying world right here at BCA and all other private and public schools! We need to be Praying for the ministries of Camron our student minister, as well as Kristy our children's minister, that they might wear the whole Armor of God daily and walk boldly through the halls of the schools. Pray for the First Priority Ministries and Fellowship of Christian Athletes that will be starting up. First Priority, is a student-run Ministry within the schools, that allows students to meet weekly early in the morning for worship, and where they are encouraged to witness to their peers, both by word of mouth and by actions. We have seen hundreds of students over the years come to know Christ through these two powerful Ministry.

Remember we cannot fight this battle alone! The enemy is relentless and there is no doubt that Satan is looking to find anything, even the smallest loophole, to cause division or stop the powerful movement of the Holy Spirit! But the way we can defeat him is by being sure to daily **put on the whole Armor of God**--every single piece—to stop his attacks.

**We must obey and prepare ourselves by putting on the full Armor to be protected! Because His Armor of light will penetrate the darkness**

<sup>11</sup> And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to **awake out of sleep**: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us **put on the armour of light**.

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering (**rioting**) and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

<sup>14</sup> But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*. **Romans 13:11-14 (KJV)**

**Let's begin to look at each piece of the Armor and how each piece applies to our lives! Before we start let's look at each piece found in Eph 6...**

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your **loins girt about with truth**, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**; <sup>15</sup> And your **feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the **shield of faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the **helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God: <sup>8</sup> **Praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; **Ephesians 6:14-18**

### **1. Loins girt about with truth: (The belt of truth!)**

The sign of a Christian Soldier is the belt of Truth! **This is the standard which we live by!**

- **Not just truth in which individuals think! Speaking the Word of God's truth becomes the standard by which we become known by to the world around us!**
- **Not necessarily truth that is simply taught by religious teachers! Because we know there can be false teachers in the last days!**
- **It is only genuine truth when it is backed up by God's Word!**

**So, what specifically is the belt of truth? What is God's truth that believers are to put on?**

**Let's look at three facts about the Christian's belt of truth...**

**1. Christ is the Truth! The believer is to put on Christ!**

<sup>22</sup> That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; <sup>23</sup> And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; <sup>24</sup> And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and **true** holiness.

**Ephesians 4:22-24 (KJV)**

<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth**. **John 1:14 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **John 14:6 (KJV)**

**When you put on Christ, and are standing in obedience according to His Word, His true righteousness and Holiness is released and flows from you giving the power of His grace and truth!**

**2. The Word of God is Truth!**

- **The believer is to literally saturate themselves with the Word of God!**
- **Continually being sanctified by the Word of God!**

<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. **John 17:17 (KJV)**

<sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **Ephesians 5:26 (KJV)**

**3. Speaking and living a life of truthfulness is evidence of genuine truth!**

<sup>25</sup> Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man **truth** with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. **Ephesians 4:25 (KJV)**

<sup>22</sup> Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the **truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:* <sup>23</sup> Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **1 Peter 1:22-23 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> The law of **truth** was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. **Malachi 2:6 (KJV)**

### **Truth accomplishes several things for a Christian Soldier!**

- **It keeps him from flip-flopping from one thing to another, and from being tossed to and fro by every attack of the enemy!**

<sup>14</sup> That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; <sup>15</sup> But speaking the **truth** in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ: **Ephesians 4:14-15 (KJV)**

- **It keeps him from becoming entangled with the affairs of this life!**

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. **2 Timothy 2:3-4 (KJV)**

- **It supports him in the battles and trials of life!**

<sup>17</sup> Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto *his* brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, **he is able to succour them that are tempted.** Hebrews 2:17-18 (KJV)

<sup>14</sup> Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. <sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and **find grace to help in time of need.** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Maybe today, you need to come boldly to the throne of grace to receive strength to fight in the battle of life!**

**Perhaps you need to come for the first time in your life and receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Without Him, the “Belt of Truth” will not fit! It is through knowing Him that you can put on the Belt of Truth which is available “one size fits all” but only to those who know and have received Christ as their personal Lord and Savior!**

**Next week we will pick up with the “Breastplate of Righteousness”!**