

Last week we did an overview of the armor of God. Today we are going deeper into the first piece, the Belt of Truth.

Ephesians 6:10-20 (KJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the **whole armor of God**, that **ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you **the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ **stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,**

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples; indeed, ³² And ye shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**

Makes Holy.

John 17:17-19 (KJV)

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: **thy word is truth.** **19** And for their sakes **I sanctify myself,** that **they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

G37 ἁγιάζω *hagiazō* *hag-ee-ad'-zo*

From **G40**; to **make holy**, that is, (ceremonially) **purify** or *consecrate*; (mentally) to *venerate*: - hallow, **be holy, sanctify**.

Defense Against the Devil.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the **whole armor of God**, that **ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (KJV)

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to **the acknowledging of the truth;** **26** And *that* they may **recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are taken captive by him at his will.

John 8:44 (NASB)

44 "You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him.** Whenever **he speaks a lie,** he speaks from his own *nature*, for **he is a liar and the father of lies.**

Jesus' Example.

Luke 4:1-12 (NASB)

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'" 5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." 7 "Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours." 8 Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" 9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; 10 for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,' 11 and, 'ON their HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It is said, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

Provides the Way of Escape.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

Psalms 119:11 (KJV)

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Protects the Family.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (KJV)

1 Now these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: 5 And **thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.** 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thine heart:** 7 **And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.** 8 **And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.** 9 **And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.**

Directs to the Path God wants for us.

Psalm 119:105 (KJV) Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a **light unto my path.**

Psalm 43:3 (NASB) O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your dwelling places.

Preserves Us.

Psalm 40:10-11 (NASB)

10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; **I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth** from the great congregation. 11 You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and **Your truth will continually preserve me.**

Psalm 61:6-7 (NASB)

6 You will prolong the king's life; His years will be as many generations. 7 **He will abide before God forever; Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.**

Promises Eternal Life

Titus 1:1-3 (KJV)

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and **the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;** 2 In hope of eternal life, **which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;** 3 But hath in due times **manifested his word through preaching,** which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

Romans 10:9 (KJV)

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead,** **thou shalt be saved.**

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The Gospel: A Biblical Plan of Salvation by FAITH

1. **Man is sinful.** – (We must realize that we are not perfect.)
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
2. **The Penalty of Sin is Death** – (God's Justice requires a payment for sin.)
Romans 6:23 " For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
3. **God's Holiness requires perfection** – (Holiness cannot tolerate sin.)
Revelation 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."
4. **Man cannot earn perfection** – (We cannot make ourselves PERFECT) *
Ephesians 2:8,9 " For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."
5. **Christ made the complete payment for all sin and offers His Righteousness.** - (We need the Perfection/Righteousness of God to go to Heaven.)
2 Cor. 5:21 "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of god in Him."
6. **God only requires Faith for salvation (Believe, Trust Accept, Etc.)**
John 3:16 " For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
7. **A believer can know Now that he is Eternally Saved**
1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."