

The Belt of Truth Ephesians 6:10-18

Our goal in putting on the Armor of God is to make a Spiritual Stand against Satan.

Every piece of God's armor is needed to be properly defended.

Each piece is symbolic of Christ.

Christ is the only one who can enable us to successfully Stand against Satan.

This morning we are going to concentrate on verse 14a

Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth...

I. WHAT IS THE BELT OF TRUTH

Roman soldiers wore tunics.

When readying for battle they were hiked up and held by the belt,
so the soldier could freely maneuver.

After tightening his belt, he could put on the rest of the equipment.

Paul gives an analogy between the Roman Armor and the Armor of God.

The Christian, Paul asserts has a Belt of Truth.

To be ready for the fight, he must tighten it around *the loins of his mind.*

1 Peter 1:13

II. WHAT DOES THE BELT REPRESENT?

While God's word is truth, in verse 17 we read,

"and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God".

The first thing a Christian must do to be a Christian is Receive Jesus Christ?

John 14:6

The belt of truth is Christ himself!

III. WHY MUST WE HAVE THE BELT OF TRUTH?

Without Christ there is no battle for us!

Without Christ we are no threat to the enemy!

If we are not with Jesus, we are against Him!

There is a choice to be made.

Joshua 24:15

Without having Jesus first,

there is no point putting on the rest of the armor, you don't need it!

IV. WHY DOES THE BELT OF TRUTH HAVE TO BE FIRST?

If we have not received Jesus as Lord and Master, we are no threat to the devil.

Ephesians 6:10

Before we can do battle for the Lord we must enlist in His army.

That means first we must have put on Christ.

Romans 13:14

Don't deceive yourself if you do not have the belt of truth,
you don't need the rest of the Lord's armor.