

# Stand in the Evil Day pt 3

## Ephesians 6:10-18

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<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

## Introduction:

We are currently at War. Did you know that. Are you aware of this. Or do you have the idea that Wars can only occur with bullets and bombs and body bags.

A couple of weeks ago, when I prayed for the Lord to direct me to the passage for the New Year, little did I know what was coming just around the corner.

I had not even planned at that time to go to Washington DC.

I knew that there had been a huge effort put forth to steal the election and to deceive large populations of American public and the World.

But I still had some hope that truth and Justice would prevail. The evidence was too overwhelming. The affidavits were in the thousands of people who have been witness to the greatest Crime in recent history.

I personally watched the votes flip from one candidate to the other.

I just knew that somehow the truth would come out and the courts would bring justice and Righteousness would reign.

But while some might consider me pessimistic when it comes to my eschatology, that the church will endure great persecution before the Rapture of the church,

I was optimistic for our country. There still are millions who affirm a Judeo-Christian ethic.

Even Millions more who are not even Christians but believe in God and Country. They know what this country was founded on and believe in it.

I was deeply encouraged by the 100s of thousands that showed and DC and many who affirmed what we were doing. 100s of tracks were taken, very little refusal. Many affirmed what we were doing as good and right and needed.

But the last few days have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are in a war for the the very soul of this country. We are being attacked from without and from within.

The Truth is being perverted and twisted on a scale I have never seen before. Having been there when all of this happened, and having been witness to some of it. I can tell you absolutely, that much of what you are seeing and hearing are lies. Clever, technological slight of hand. Videos are sent out and totally misrepresented. Events that occurred in one place hours earlier are said to be events that

took place later and are represented as total different thing.

And now there is the great purge occurring. Liberal leftist Propaganda promoting platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Apple, are removing and deleting users who agree with a conservative viewpoints. Pages and accounts are being deleted faster than you can count.

It is the great silencing of the conservative

But more importantly, you need to realize that you are next.

They are coming after the Christian, they are coming after our non-inclusive, non-gay affirming beliefs.

If you homeschool, soon you will have to accept and mandate that you children be taught the state approved curriculum.

Christians Schools will be made to change and adapt there curriculum to line up with the public schools.

Churches will be next. They will be told that preaching against certain sins is hate speech.. and to shut up or loose the tax exemption or worse to close you down.

I will not be surprised if lockdowns become the most severe we have experienced and churches will be main target and designated super spreaders.

Very soon, vaccines will be mandatory to fly, to travel, to move from state to state, to work in certain places, to go to school or hold church.

I.D Cards will be given to everyone who gets the vaccine and eventually you may be arrested and quarantined if you do not have it in some states and cites.

The New President and Vice President and their Administration will work hard to undo everything President Trump did. Executive order after Executive order will be made (if even they need to do it that way) to enforce every ungodly, Antichrist, immoral law they can come up with.

We are at the tip of the Iceberg and the ICE is very very deep.

The Equality act will be one of the first things that is put thru and enforced.

(1) Discrimination can occur on the basis of the sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition of an individual, as well as because of sex-based stereotypes. Each of these factors alone can serve as the basis for discrimination, and each is a form of sex discrimination.

(7) The discredited practice known as “conversion therapy” is a form of discrimination that harms LGBTQ people by undermining individuals sense of self worth, increasing suicide ideation and substance abuse, exacerbating family conflict, and contributing to second class status.

Churches or counseling centers will no longer be about to counsel that you can change or repent of you the sin of Homosexuality or Transgenderism.

(10) Discrimination by State and local governments on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity in employment, housing, and public accommodations, and in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance, violates the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Any federally funded institution, like a public school will not be able to withhold gender conversion drugs ( hormone blockers) that change male to female or female to male. And the parents do not have to be told.

We are living in an EVIL DAY

We are Romans 1 to the Letter.. We are going to be judged as a nation, **We ARE BEING JUDGED NOW**

### Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

<sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup> who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

<sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup> being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, <sup>30</sup> backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup> who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Our country cannot and will not survive if we continue down this path.

From John Adams to Massachusetts Militia, 11  
October 1798

While our Country remains untainted with the Principles and manners, which are now producing desolation in so many Parts of the World: while she continues Sincere and incapable of insidious and impious Policy: We shall have the Strongest Reason to rejoice in the local destination assigned Us by Providence. But should the People of America, once become capable of that deep simulation towards one another and towards foreign nations, which assumes the Language of Justice and moderation while it is practicing Iniquity and Extravagance; and displays in the most captivating manner the charming Pictures of Candour frankness & sincerity while it is rioting in rapine and Insolence: this Country will be the most miserable Habitation in the World. Because We have no Government armed with Power capable of contending with human Passions unbridled by morality and Religion. Avarice, Ambition Revenge or Galantry, would break

the strongest Cords of our Constitution as a Whale goes through a Net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other

Brothers and Sisters,

We are at War..

Are you Prepared? Do you have the Full Armor of God on?

## **Lesson:**

The Exhortation

The Explanation

The Equipment

### **I. The Exhortation**

**10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God,

**10** Finally, my brethren, **be strong** (**pres Imperative**) in the Lord and in the power of His might.

How to do this is explained in the next verses. We are to Put on the Whole Armor of God and that we may be able to stand.

**11 Put** (**Aorist Imp.**) **on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**13** Therefore **take up** (**Aorist Imp.,**) **the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

I. The Exhortation

**II. The Explanation**

## There are 3 reasons to have the whole armor on to be able to stand

1. The Age
2. The Activity
3. The Adversaries

### **1. The Age**

<sup>13</sup> 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.

### **Ephesians 5:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

### **2 Timothy 3:1–8 (NKJV)**

**3** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

### **2 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

## 2. The Activity

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

## 3. The Adversaries

<sup>12</sup> **For** we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

### I. The Exhortation

## II. The Explanation

## III. The Equipment

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> **Stand** therefore, **having girded** your waist with truth,

### Stand

### Aorist Imperative. 2nd person Plural

**histémi: to make to stand, to stand**

**Original Word:** ἵστημι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** histémi

**Phonetic Spelling:** (his'-tay-mee)

**Definition:** to make to stand, to stand

**Usage:** trans: (a) I make to stand, place, set up, establish, appoint; mid: I place myself, stand, (b) I set in balance, weigh; intrans: (c) I stand, stand by, stand still; met: I stand ready, stand firm, am steadfast.

<sup>14</sup> **Stand** therefore

## oun: therefore, then, (and) so

**Original Word:** οὐν

**Part of Speech:** Conjunction

**Transliteration:** oun

**Phonetic Spelling:** (oon)

**Definition:** therefore, then, (and) so

**Usage:** therefore, then.

3767 οὐν (a conjunction) – therefore, now then, accordingly so. 3767 (οὐν) occurs 526 times in the NT and is typically translated "therefore" which means, "By extension, here's how the dots connect."

The rest of the text is filled with how and with what we are to stand.

The Participles (verbal/adjectives) they speak of action and description.

The four participles which follow the imperative 'stand', namely, '*having fastened the belt of truth*', '*having put on the breastplate of righteousness*' (v. 14), '*having fitted your feet*' (v. 15), and '*having taken up the shield of faith*' (v. 16), spell out the actions believers need to have taken if they are to stand firm. Given the context, these participles could also be taken as having an implied imperatival force.

O'Brien, P. T. (1999). *The letter to the Ephesians* (p. 473). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Paul is telling us to stand, and to stand firm, but when doing so, make sure you have this equipment. Or another way of saying it is you can't stand unless you have this equipment.

When believers have made all the necessary preparations for the battle with the appropriate goal in mind, then they are to 'stand firm'. This exhortation, which has been mentioned three times before (vv. 11, 13 [twice]), is repeated, but this time it is expressed as an imperative. It is the chief admonition of the passage, and in the light of the battle imagery used throughout points to the stance of a soldier in combat, one who resolutely opposes the enemy.

O'Brien, P. T. (1999). *The letter to the Ephesians* (p. 472). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

The idea of standing firm,

It turns up frequently as an imperative in paraenetic sections of Paul's letters, where he exhorts his Christian readers to be steadfast (2 Thess. 2:15), 'in the faith' (1 Cor. 16:13), 'in the Lord' (Phil. 4:1), in the freedom Christ has won (Gal. 5:1), or 'in one spirit' (Phil. 1:27). Note also Rom. 5:2; 11:20; 1 Cor. 10:12; 15:1; 16:13; 2 Cor. 1:24; Col. 4:12; and 1 Thess. 3:8  
 O'Brien, P. T. (1999). *The letter to the Ephesians*. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

## having girded Aorist Mid Part.

perizónnumi: to gird

**Original Word:** περιζώννυμι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** perizónnumi

**Phonetic Spelling:** (per-id-zone'-noo-mee)

**Definition:** to gird

**Usage:** I gird round; mid: I gird myself, generally for active work or travel.

root

**zónnumi: to gird**

**Original Word:** ζώννυμι

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Transliteration:** zónnumi

**Phonetic Spelling:** (dzone'-noo-mi)

**Definition:** to gird

**Usage:** I gird, put on the girdle, especially as preparatory to active work.

Cognate: 2224 *zōnnymi* (*zōnnýō*) – to gird, i.e. "to pull the belt" to remove slack so a person could move quickly. [See 2223](#) (*zōne*).

**to be girded (state) v.** — to be or become fastened with a belt (or similar device) for securing one's clothing; usually in preparation for strenuous activity or labor.

The girdle fulfils many purposes in antiquity. 1. It is a means of fastening the articles of clothing, or of shortening the undergarment

The pass. sometimes means "to be fastened":

πύργοι ... ἐζωσμένοι (on elephants), 1 Macc. 6:37.

Most common is the middle "to gird oneself" abs.:

Κλέων ... περιζωσάμενος (setting himself in position

People girded themselves for going out (Hes. Op., 345),

for work (Aristoph. Av., 1148 f. jokingly: rumours, girded

high, bore tiles *περιεζωσμέναι ἐπλίθοφόρου*) ἐπὶ

βονσίν, Apoll. Rhod., I, 425 f.; for dancing, Polyb., 30, 22,

10; for athletic contests, Od., 24, 89. Activity is denoted by

girding oneself, rest by ungirding

Oepke, A. (1964-). *ὄπλον, ὄπλιζο, πανοπλία, ζώννυμι, διαζώννυμι, περιζώννυμι, ζώνη, θώραξ, ὑποδήμα (ὑπόδημα, σανδάλιον), θυρεός, περιεφράγία*. G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 5, p. 302). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

As distinct from this the ζωστήρ is usually the simple girdle and the ζῶμα a kind of loin cloth; neither is for protection.

Oepke, A. (1964–). [ἄπλον, ὄπλιζω, πανοπλία, ζώννυμι, διαζώννυμι, περιζώννυμι, ζώνη, θώραξ, ὑποδέω \(ὑπόδημα, σανδάλιον\), θυροός, περικεφαλαία](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 5, p. 303). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

With the coming of armour the body girdle disappears. Instead, to protect the thighs there is worn a kind of apron which hung under the armour, which was made of loose or sewn thongs of leather, and which was like breeches in the Roman period. c. The Roman legionary also wore above his armour a broad leather belt studded with metal which with its hanging ends, issuing in strong metal strips, protected the lower body,

Oepke, A. (1964–). [ἄπλον, ὄπλιζω, πανοπλία, ζώννυμι, διαζώννυμι, περιζώννυμι, ζώνη, θώραξ, ὑποδέω \(ὑπόδημα, σανδάλιον\), θυροός, περικεφαλαία](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 5, p. 303). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

In many cases this belt serves also as a sword belt, while in others the sword, or more rarely the dagger, is carried in a special strap running over the right or left shoulder.<sup>4</sup> 4. The body belt—conspicuously marked?—was a sign of rank and thus a kind of *cingulum*. of οἱ ὑπὸ ζώνην are officers (Suid. s.v. αὐθεντήσαντα, Codex Justinianus, I, 5, 12; 6, 11). Among the Persians seizing by the belt denotes the death sentence on an unfaithful officer, Xenophon An., I, 6, 10.

Oepke, A. (1964–). [ἄπλον, ὄπλιζω, πανοπλία, ζώννυμι, διαζώννυμι, περιζώννυμι, ζώνη, θώραξ, ὑποδέω \(ὑπόδημα, σανδάλιον\), θυροός, περικεφαλαία](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 5, p. 303). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

## Isaiah 11:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,  
And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

## 1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

We have an admonition to watchfulness and readiness for battle. Anything that might impair mind or sense (→ IV, 967) is to be girded up high, i.e., set aside.

Seesemann, H. (1964–). [ὄσφύς](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 5, p. 497). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

The idea of fastening clothing securely around one's waist signifies preparation for vigorous activity (Luke 12:35, 37; 17:8), in this case, readiness for battle.

O'Brien, P. T. (1999). [The letter to the Ephesians](#) (p. 473). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

**14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

στητε ουν περιζωσαμενοι την  
οσφυν υμων εν αληθεια

Instrumental case with truth  
αληθεια

### Objective truth

John 3:21 (NKJV)

**21** But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

John 5:33 (NKJV)

**33** You have sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.

John 8:32 (NKJV)

**32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Romans 9:1 (NKJV)

**9** I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

**Psalm 119:142 (NKJV)**

<sup>142</sup> Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness,  
And Your law *is* truth.

**The Message as true**

**2 Corinthians 6:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

**Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**James 1:18 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

**Steadfastness, trustworthiness, faithfulness, Honesty**

Psalm 119:86 (NKJV)

<sup>86</sup> All Your commandments *are* faithful;

Jeremiah 7:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> “So you shall say to them, ‘This *is* a nation that does not obey the voice of the Lord their God nor receive correction. Truth has perished and has been cut off from their mouth.

**True as opposed to false**

John 19:35 (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

[In ancient Greek culture, [225](#) (alétheia) was synonymous for "reality" as the opposite of illusion, i.e. fact.]

for אֱמֶתֶי, אֱמֶתוּ f. with suff. אֱמֶתָּה.

(1) *firmness, stability, perpetuity*. Isa. 39:8, שְׁלוֹמִים וְאֶמֶת, “peace and stability,” i.e. firm and stable peace, by ἐν δὲ δὴ δὴ δὴ, compare No. 2; also *security*. Josh. 2:12, אֶת־אֶמֶת “a token of security,” i.e. secure or certain.

(2) *faithfulness, fidelity*, in which any one is consistent and performs promises (*Treue und Glauben*). Applied to a people, Isa. 59:14, 15; to a king, Psal. 45:5; to God, Ps. 30:10; 71:22; 91:4. Very often joined with חֶסֶד Ps. 25:10; 40:11; 57:4, 11; 108:5; 138:2; and by ἐν δὲ δούλοῖν the constant and perpetual favour of God is to be understood. עֲשֵׂה חֶסֶד וְאֱמֶת עִם “to shew sincere good will to any one,” Gen. 24:49; 47:29; Josh. 2:14; 2 Sam. 2:6; 15:20.

(3) *probity, uprightness, integrity of mind*. Ex. 18:21, אֲנָשֵׁי אֱמֶת שֹׂנְאֵי בָצֵעַ “upright men, hating covetousness.” Neh. 7:2; Jud. 9:16, 19. Opp. to רָשָׁע Prov. 8:7. Specially it is *integrity* (of a judge), *justice*. Ps. 19:10, “the judgments of God are upright, just;” Isa. 16:5; Prov. 29:14; also *sincerity* opp. to dissimulation, Josh. 24:14; 1 Sam. 12:24; 1 Ki. 2:4; Isa. 10:20.

(4) *truth*, opp. to falsehood, Gen. 42:16; Deut. 22:20; 2 Sam. 7:28; אֲמָרִים אֱמֶת “words (which are) truth,” Prov. 22:21. Applied to the word of God, Ps. 119:142; to prophecies, Jer. 26:15; to a servant of God, Isa. 42:3. Hence אֱמֶת יְהוָה “the truth of the Lord,” often used for his true doctrine and worship, Ps. 25:5; 26:3; 86:11.

Gesenius, W., & Tregelles, S. P. (2003). [\*Gesenius' Hebrew and Chaldee lexicon to the Old Testament Scriptures\*](#) (pp. 62–63). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

## 1. The Word אֱמֶת

The word אֱמֶת, occurs about 126 times. It is used absolutely to denote a reality which is to be regarded as אֱמֶן “firm,” and therefore “solid,” “valid,” or “binding.” It thus signifies what is “true.” When used of persons, it sometimes expresses that which predominantly characterises their speech, action or

thought. The  $\text{תְּמַנְּהוּ שִׁינְהוּ}$  is one whose conduct falls under the norm of truth and therefore a man of integrity, a  $\text{תְּמַנְּהוּ}$  ( $\rightarrow$  πίστις).

The noun is usually in the feminine (on Dt. 13:15; 17:4,  $\rightarrow$  n. 6). Deriving from the root  $\text{אָמַן}$  (*'amin*), “to be firm or sure,”

In the LXX ἀλήθεια is mostly used for  $\text{תְּמַנְּהוּ}$  (87 times), ἀληθινός being also used (12 times), and occasionally ἀληθής, ἀληθῶς, and ἀληθεύειν. The equivalent in Gn. 24:49; Jos. 24:14; Is. 38:19; 39:8; Da. 8:12 and 9:13 is δικαιοσύνη, δίκαιος also occurring 4 times, and πίστις only in Jer. 35(28):9; 39(32):41; 40(33):6, while in Prv. 3:3; 14:22; 16:6 the plur. πίστεις is used for the combination  $\text{תְּמַנְּהוּ וְדָבָר}$ .

Quell, G., Kittel, G., & Bultmann, R. (1964–). [ἀλήθεια](#), [ἀληθής](#), [ἀληθινός](#), [ἀληθεύω](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 1, p. 233). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

The adj. ἀληθής declares that a thing really is as it is seen or represented, and can take on, like ἀληθινός especially, the force of “proper” or “genuine

Quell, G., Kittel, G., & Bultmann, R. (1964–). [ἀλήθεια](#), [ἀληθής](#), [ἀληθινός](#), [ἀληθεύω](#). G. Kittel, G. W. Bromiley, & G. Friedrich (Eds.), *Theological dictionary of the New Testament* (electronic ed., Vol. 1, p. 238). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

So what is Paul saying is the belt?

**Is it**

1. **Objective Truth**, The Body of Divinity (Thomas Watson) The Body of Doctrine or truth in the Bible

or

2. **Subjective Truth**, — Faithfulness, fidelity.

or

3. **Moral Truth**— Honesty, Truthfulness, Integrity  
no hypocrisy not lying.

**The best way to understand this is to know how Paul used in Ephesians.**  
**The Message of Truth**

Ephesians 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**The Objective Truth Doctrine**

Ephesians 4:14–15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of

doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Ephesians 4:21 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

### **Moral Truth**

Ephesians 4:25 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting away lying, “*Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,*” for we are members of one another.

### **Subjective Truth**

Ephesians 5:8–13 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are

done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

So Paul uses it All 4 ways

I Believe that Paul doesn't have in mind just one meaning.

i.e.

Objective doctrine but not Faithfulness.

But rather

He is painting with a broad brush to include all

Truth as the Doctrine

Truth as Faithfulness

Truth as Integrity

Truth as Truthfulness

Truth as Genuineness

You can have doctrine with out Faithfulness, Integrity, Truthfulness and Genuineness

So he is not just talking about knowing truth or knowing doctrine.

He has in mind more than our Orthodoxy

But also

our Orthpraxy- our living it our.

But any of the others require all of them.

Faithfulness requires Integrity, which requires Truthfulness and genuineness

And to be Faithful requires a Body or a Person to be faithful to.

His Christ, who is the Truth. Who is defined in the Doctrine of The Bible

**14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with **truth,**

All of the rest of the Armor is dependent on the first one mentioned.

TRUTH

No Breastplate of Righteousness without Truth

No Gospel of Peace without Truth

No Faith without the Truth of the one to have faith in.

No Helmet of Salvation, if you have no truth of Salvation

No Sword of the Spirit with the Truth

No Prayer with truth of who to pray to and how to pray.

Paul knew that the foundation of this Battle lies in the Truth.

No Truth and you will be defeated.

No Truth and you become a weak and worthless soldier.

You cannot stand up against the wiles (schemes, ideological subversion) of the devil.

This is why at the very beginning,  
The Devil said to Eve. “Has God really Said”  
The Battle for the Truth as been from the very beginning,

John 8:44 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Acts 5:3 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself?

Acts 13:8–10 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. <sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup> and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

2 Thessalonians 2:9–13 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup> that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

<sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

Revelation 12:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 22:14–15 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

The Greatest Battle is the battle for the Truth.  
It is always being attacked from every direction.

Our Culture hates the truth  
Many in our country and leadership of this country  
hate the truth.

Sadly

Many within the Church do not want the truth, and compromise or in some cases flatly deny the truth.

As a christian we are expected and commanded to know the truth.

### **We Know the truth first by knowing the Savior.**

John 14:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

### **We know the truth by Learning the Truth.**

Ephesians 4:11–15 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the

truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

John MacArthur says

“It has been a long war against God and against His truth in which the Devil has engaged. And he has employed demons, and he has employed men and women. Most effectively he has employed those people who are associated with the truth in some way...The greatest assaults against the truth don't come from the outside; they come from the inside, from apostates, defectors who name the name of Christ or once named the name of Christ and now are the enemies of Christ; who once affirmed their trust in God, belief in God, and affirmed the Scripture and have become the enemies of the Scripture. They're on the inside. Notice verse 4 of Jude, “Certain persons have crept in unnoticed.” Notice verse 12, “These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear.” They're on the inside, and they are deadly dangerous because they bring such devastating corruption from their position and their posture inside the Church.”

**The Enemy Within**

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Acts 20:27 (NKJV)

<sup>27</sup> For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

So many churches are not declaring the whole counsel of God

The pick and chose the topics that best make their congregation comfortable and coming back.

We are more concerned with success than faithfulness.

Churches have unwittingly joined hands with the devil in the minimization of and the exclusion of truth.

As a result we have left our soldiers, desperate for the essential equipment that makes our stand in the war possible.

Martin Luther, that noble gospel soldier, threw down the gauntlet at the feet of every Christian in every generation after him, when he said:

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides,

is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

**We Know the truth first by knowing the Savior.  
We know the truth by Learning the Truth.**

**We know the truth by meditating on the the Truth**

Joshua 1:8–9 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

Psalms 1:1–2 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed *is* the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,

Nor stands in the path of sinners,

Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

<sup>2</sup> But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord,

And in His law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 119:97 (NKJV)

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law!  
It *is* my meditation all the day.

**We Know the truth first by knowing the Savior.  
We know the truth by Learning the Truth.  
We know the truth by meditating on the the Truth**

**We know the truth from Memorizing the truth.**

Psalm 119:11 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Your word I have hidden in my heart,  
That I might not sin against You.

Psalm 40:8 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> I delight to do Your will, O my God,  
And Your law *is* within my heart.”

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

There is war on truth. And there are large movements afoot to take the truth away from you and your family. This has been going on for sometime but has had some restraint in the leadership of this country. But not now. It has none.

The Gates of Hell have been opened and the demons and minions are coming after you and your children.

Credible voices have been saying for months that we need to start backing things up, making hard copies of sermons and lectures. Protect the Biblical truth you have.  
There coming and there coming for you.

Are you Ready.

In 1997 psychologist Nicholas Humphrey gave the Oxford Amnesty lecture for that year, the purpose of which was to argue in favor of censorship, against freedom of expression; specifically, it wants to censor "moral and religious education" especially the education that children receive at home.

“Children have the right not to have their minds addled (confused) by nonsense. And we as a society have a duty to protect them from it. So we should know more allow parents to teach their children to believe, for example, in the literal truth of the Bible, or that parents rule their lives, then we should allow parents to knock their children's teeth out or lock them in the dungeon.”

“We will not be Silenced”, Erwin Lutzer