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It is Armor Time!

2  **Ephesians 6:10-17**

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <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*

3  **Ephesians 6:10-17**

*<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, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

4  **Ephesians 6:10-17**

*<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.*

5 6 7  **THE BELT OF TRUTH**

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

8  **The Roman Soldier**

The Garment

9  **The Girding**10  **The Christian Soldier**

Our enemy – Satan – The liar

*John 8:44: For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. (NLT)*

11  **Satan's Lies**

There is no such thing as absolute truth

Another strategy of Satan – Repeat a lie often enough and it will be accepted as truth

- ILLUSTRATION: Global Warming

12  **More Satan's Lies**

- Secular Humanism
- Rationalism
- Polytheism

- Relativism - all points of view are equally valid and all truth is relative to the individual.
- Example: Justice Antonin Scalia - a judicial philosophy of "textualism" or "original meaning" in interpreting the U.S. Constitution and federal statutes

13  **What is truth?**

- Dictionary: *that which is true or in accordance with fact or reality.*
- Reality TV – Scripted reality!!!
- There is an absolute and objective truth
- Truth is the foundation of the Christian's defense against Satan.
  - III John 4: *"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."*

14  **The truth that is in Jesus**

John 1:14: *And the Word became 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 1:17: *For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*

15  **The truth that is in Jesus**

John 14:6: *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

Revelation 3:7: *'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens."*

16  **The truth that is the Word of God**

John 17:17: *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

John 8:31-32: *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

17  **The truth that is the Word of God**

2 Timothy 3:16-17: *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

18  **The need for truth**

Genesis 6:5-6: *Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.*

19  **The need for truth**

Isaiah 59:14-16: *Our courts oppose the righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth stumbles in the streets, and honesty has been outlawed. <sup>15</sup> Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked. The Lord looked and was displeased to find there was no justice. <sup>16</sup> He was amazed to see that no one intervened to help the oppressed. So he himself stepped in to save them with his strong arm, and his justice sustained him.*