

***“The Belt of Truth:  
Part II”***

Ephesians 6:10-20

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# Five Lessons...

1. God Almighty is greater than all, including our enemies, and therefore if we're made strong in him we will have the victory.
2. Our enemies are fierce and they're out to destroy us every day.
3. The armor of God is in fact God himself and therefore to put it on is to draw near to him and be covered in his presence.
4. We were designed to fight this battle together as one body in Christ.
5. To put on the belt of truth is to know the truth (Jesus Christ), stand for the truth, and tell the truth.

# The Belt of Truth

*The fact that Jesus Christ is the truth implies that being committed to the truth is being committed to Him, and therefore being committed to the truth is fundamentally about love*

# The Schemes of the Devil...

1. He implants false teachers in the world and in the church, and so seeks to deceive us away from Christ.
2. He intimidates and persecutes Christians in an attempt to silence them or get them to renounce Christ.
3. He tempts us to lie, and so forsake our commitment to the truth.

# False Teachers

- Please turn to 1 John 2:18-29.
  - John is dealing with false teachers here.
  - These false teachers looked like Christians and therefore were hard to spot.
  - We must be willing to divide from such as these when they will not repent.
  - John is not saying that Christians don't need teachers but that the Holy Spirit will protect and guide them into all truth.

# False Teachers

- Other texts that warn against false teachers:
  - Luke 20:45-47
  - Acts 20:25-32
  - 2 Cor 11:12-15
  - 1 Tim 4:1-3
  - 2 Pet 2:1-3
  - Jude 1:3-4
- The message of these texts is crystal clear: beware, beware, beware of false teachers!

# How to protect against false teaching...

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength!
2. Saturate your mind with the Word of God.
3. Take full advantage of the teaching the Lord provides for you.
4. Take full advantage of your brothers & sisters in the Body of Christ.