

**Ephesians 6: 11-12 Put on the full Armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE GOOD RESULT OF GOD'S WORD INTO OUR HEART.

- OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS "WALKING WITH JESUS". TO WALK WITH JESUS WE NEED TO PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD. PARTIAL ARMOR IS VULNERABLE. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD AS WE WOULD LIKE TO WALK WITH JESUS.
- WHAT IS THE FULL ARMOR?
  - 1. THE BELT OF TRUTH
  - 2. THE BREAST PLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
  - 3. SHOES/ READINESS OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE
  - 4. SHIELD OF FAITH
  - 5. HELMET OF SALVATION
  - 6. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT [THE WORD OF GOD]
  - 7. PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT

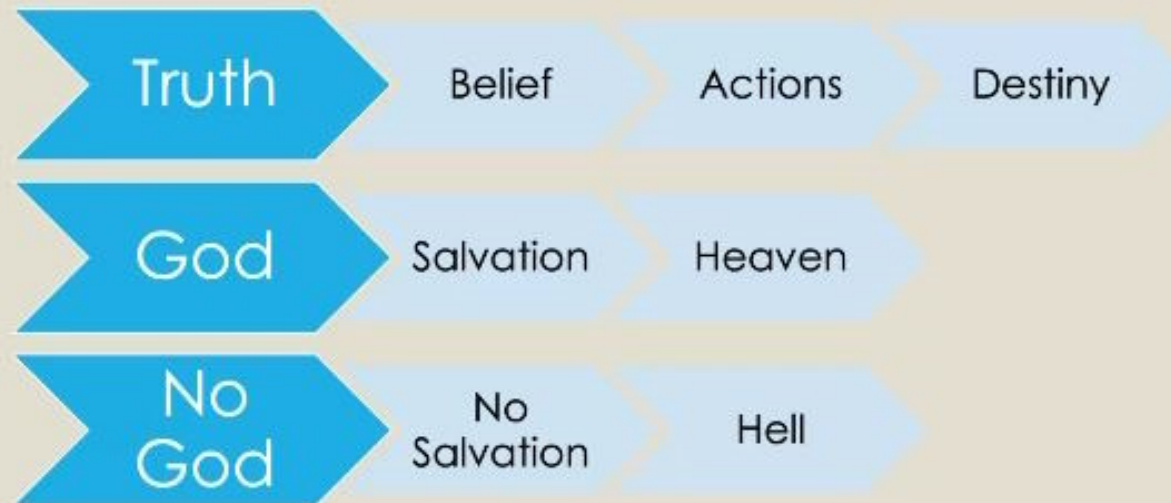
**The story so far ...**

## Two weeks ago – The Belt of Truth – The World View vs God's view

What and why the 'belt' of truth?

- Current, modern belief – Truth is private and abstract - in other words I have my truth, you have your own truth.

Knowing truth, is knowing God



## Conclusion

- Truth isn't an idea or theory, it is a living God who reveals the unknown and makes wrong things right, who establishes and brings about the future He has planned.
- If we want truth we must know God

## **Last week– The Belt of Truth –God's view Is Truth**

### Last Week– God's Word Is Truth

- Whatever God says is true
- Psalm 119:160 - Thy word is true from the beginning
- John 17:17 - Thy word is truth
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All scripture is given by inspiration of God

# 1. Scripture Is The Final Authority For Truth

- **A. God's word is true from the beginning:**

- Psalm 119:160

- <sup>160</sup> Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

## 3. Aligned To Scripture

- <sup>10</sup> Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **speak the same thing**, and that there be **no divisions** among you; but that ye be perfectly **joined together** in the **same mind** and in the **same judgment** 1 Cor 1:10



# **The Full Armour of God – The Belt of Truth - JESUS IS THE TRUTH**

## **Introduction ...**

When we consider that Jesus is the Truth, just like whether the scriptures are true, we need to consider His origins. Jesus did not simply turn up one day during NT times. He was first announced through the scripture of the OT.

**Why start with a Belt?**

**What was the belt used for in the Roman army?**

# **The Full Armour of God – The Belt of Truth - JESUS IS THE TRUTH**

## **Jesus - Being the Truth**

**2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness**

**John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

### **The Word became flesh**

This is John's most startling statement so far. It would have amazed thinkers in both the Jewish and the Greek world to hear that **the Word became flesh**.

**Logos** - Logos is an ancient Greek philosophical concept that signifies a divine intelligence or cosmic order governing the universe.

### **Made his dwelling among us**

If the Greeks generally thought of God ***too low*** The Jews generally thought of God ***too high***.



**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.”**

Jesus didn't say that He would **show us a way**; He said that He **is** the way. He didn't promise to **teach us** a truth; He said that He **is** the truth. Jesus **didn't offer us the secrets to life**; He said that He **is** the life.

**Isaiah 14:27)"For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?"**

God's promises, His commands, His word - they are all truth, plain and simple.

## **Luke 12:35-36**

**<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning,  
<sup>36</sup> like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.**

### **He Will Dress Himself for Service (Gird up your loins)**

In their culture the loin cloth hung down, something like a slip, along with the robe, making it difficult to run.

The same concept is mentioned in **Ephesians 6:14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place**

Peter to tell us “to gird up the loins of your mind” **1 Peter 1:13**  
**KJV 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,**  
**and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto**  
**you at the revelation of Jesus Christ**

indicates that he intends for us to be prepared for action; in fact,  
the NASB translates the phrase in **1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, with**  
**minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the**  
**grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at**  
**his coming.**

**The Book of Revelation its Theme - Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him, and he with Me. - Revelation 3:20**

**Summary of Revelation:** Revelation documents the apocalyptic visions of John, culminating in Christ's final victory over evil. It describes the end times, including the tribulation, the rise of the antichrist, and God's final judgment.

## **The Lamb of God**

One of the most prominent images of Christ in Revelation is that of the Lamb. In Revelation 5:6, John describes seeing "a Lamb standing as though it had been slain," symbolizing Christ's sacrificial death and His victory over sin and death.

## **The Righteous Judge**

Christ is also depicted as the righteous Judge who will execute divine judgment upon the earth. Revelation 19:11-16 portrays Him as a rider on a white horse, called Faithful and True, who judges and wages war in righteousness

## **The Triumphant King**

In Revelation, Christ is the triumphant King who will return to establish His eternal reign.

## **The Alpha and Omega**

Christ's divine nature and eternal existence are affirmed in Revelation through the titles "Alpha and Omega" and "the First and the Last."

## **The Bridegroom**

Revelation also presents Christ as the Bridegroom, united with His bride, the Church.



## **So, what about Us? - The Living Stone and a Chosen People**

**1 Peter 2:4-5 As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

As the Master Builder, God places His living stones just where He wants us to be **1 Corinthians 12:18 -**  
**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**

As living stones, we are connected to one another in the body of Christ **Romans 12:5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.**

## **Conclusion**

Truth is an absolute, it is part of the character of God, the Son and the Spirit.

Jesus' coming was prophesied in the OT, He was born of the Spirit and of a woman, lived a life of truth and mercy that always pointed us to the Father, was crucified for our sins and rose again for our redemption.

Jesus was there with His Father at the beginning, spent time with us on earth, is in heaven now interceding for us and will be the master of the end of days.

It should be no surprise for us for truth to be part of the full armour of God and holds the rest of the armour of God together.

Truth is not just part of our spiritual lives either. It must also be part of who we are in our walk with Jesus.