



WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

EPHESIANS 6:11

- **“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”**

CCIC BELIEVES:

- 1. WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. Galatians 2:20. “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 “ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15” *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. Teach the Word of God. 2Timothy 3:16-17” All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
- 2. Teach to Pray. Luke 11:1” One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”
- 3. Teach to love God and the people. Mark 12:30-31” Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[f] ³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[g] There is no commandment greater than these.”
- 4. Teach to go and make Disciples Matthew, 28:19-20” Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Text. Ephesians 6:10-14a.

- “¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ **Put on the full armor of God**, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. ¹² 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. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ **Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,** ”

HOW ARE WE GOING TO STAND FIRM WITH **THE BELT OF TRUTH** BUCKLED AROUND OUR WAIST?

- 1. WE NEED TO PUT ON THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD.
- A. God alone is the source of our strength.
- B. The necessity of God's armor.
- C. The nature of the conflict is too heavy.

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- 2. WE NEED TO WALK IN TRUTH.
- A. Truth is not idea—truth flows from God's very nature.
- B. If we want truth, we must know God.
- C. We need to examine where you can find truth apart from God.

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- 3. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH.
- A. Scripture is the final authority for Truth.
- B. Truth is revealed, not invented.
- C. Let us align our life and beliefs with the Scripture.

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- 4. JESUS IS THE TRUTH.
- A. Truth is personal and embodied in Christ.
- B. Knowing Jesus is knowing the truth.
- C. Following Christ everyday is learning by experience.

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- 5. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.
- A. The Holy Spirit reveals and confirms the truth.
- B. Truth must be Spiritually discerned.
- C. We must yield daily to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

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- 6. TRUTH SETS US FREE.
- A. True freedom is proven by abiding in Jesus' teaching.
- B. Truth is discovered by obedience, not by information.
- C. The freedom is Spiritual, not Political.

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- 7. WALKING IN TRUTH AND IN LOVE.
- A. Truth and Love comes from God's nature.
- B. Truth guides Love.
- C. Love communicates Truth.
- D. Truth and Love are marks of True disciples.

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- 8. THE KIND OF WORSHIPERS THE FATHER SEEKS.
- “²¹ “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

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- I. PLACE OF WORSHIP DOESN'T MATTER.
- “a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”
- A. This mountain-Mount Gerizim [Samaritan Center of Worship.]
- B. Jerusalem- Jewish Center of worship.
- “Both locations are temporary.”

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- II. THE MATTER IN WORSHIP IS TRUE KNOWLEDGE.
- “You worship what you do not know; We know what we worship, for salvation is from the Jews”.
- A. Ignorant Worship. The Samaritans had partial Scripture. Sincerity is not enough without truth.
- B. Revealed Worship. God revealed Himself through Israel. The Messiah came through the Jewish People.

LESSON LEARNED.

- “TRUE WORSHIP MUST BE GROUNDED IN BIBLICAL REVELATION, NOT TRADITION OR EMOTION ALONE.”

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- III. THE NATURE OF TRUE WORSHIPPERS.
- “The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth.”
- A. **The Present reality.** “The hour is coming, and now is— Through Christ, True worship has begun.
- Worship is no longer restricted by temple systems.

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- **B. Worship in Spirit.** From the inner man [heart level worship.] Empowered by the Holy Spirit. Not merely ritual or external performance.
- **C. Worship in Truth.** According to God's revealed Word. Centered on Christ. Aligned to Biblical Doctrine.
- **D. The Father Seeks Worshipers.** Worship is God's initiative. God desire relationship, not rituals. "TRUE WORSHIP IS INTERNAL, BIBLICAL AND RELATIONAL."

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- IV. THE FOUNDATION OF WORSHIP: THE NATURE OF GOD. V24.
- "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- A. God's nature. God is Spirit- not confined to place or form. He is omnipresent and invisible.

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- B. The Necessity [must].
- Not optional.
- True worship is identified by God, not man.
- Worship must align with who God is, not human emotion.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS;

- 1. AM I WORSHIPING FROM THE HEART?
- 2. IS MY WORSHIP GROUNDED IN SCRIPTURE?
- 3. IS CHRIST CENTRAL IN MY WORSHIP?
- 4. AM I MORE FOCUSED ON ATMOSPHERE OR ON TRUTH?