

Christian Combat: Equipment Check – War Belt!

Ephesians 6:13-14

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NKJV - *"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. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth.."*

NLT - *"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth.."*

I. The War Belt - **HISTORICALLY!**

II. The War Belt - **BIBLICALLY!**

III. The War Belt - **PRACTICALLY!**

I. The War Belt - **HISTORICALLY!**

- Roman Legionnaire's armor - the "**War Belt**":

*The **War Belt** held the soldiers sword, his dagger, other vital tools of combat and survival.*

*The **War Belt** gave the Roman Legionnaire's weapons more integrity and unity.*

*The **War Belt** literally "held it all together" for the Roman soldier on the battlefield. It allowed to him to keep within reach all that he might need to survive the conflict, and emerge victorious in battle.*

*"The soldier might be furnished with every other part of his equipment, and yet, lacking his belt, he would not be securely armed. His belt...was not just for show, but an essential part of his equipment...it was of special use in keeping other parts in place, and in securing the proper soldierly attitude and freedom of movement in battle." - **Salmond***

*When a soldier sat down and relaxed, he first took off his **War Belt**. Therefore, the putting on of the **War Belt** meant to be prepared for action, get ready for combat, to put the soldier into a battle frame of mind.*

- **Modern Combat Belts:**

- *These are absolutely vital to **the soldier, police officer, tactical agent.***
- *It holds his **sidearm, his extra magazines, his combat knife, his***

grenades, his gas mask, and any variety of tools that are vital for effective fighting and survival...

II. The War Belt - **BIBLICALLY!**

- **TRUTH** is symbolically represented as a **WAR BELT** which both protects our abdomen, and gathers up our garments so that we can fight effectively in battle.
 - **DECEPTION** is one of the enemies major strategies!
 - **Gen 3** - Satan's first attack!
 - **John 8** - Father of Lies!
 - **2Cor 11** - Angel of Light & satanic ministers!
 - **Rev 3:9** - Satanic churches!
Islam; Isis; Atheism; Humanism; Buddhism; Hinduism; Mormonism; Human Trafficking; Drug Trafficking; Homosexuality; Gender Identity...
- **GOD'S TRUTH**, like a spiritual **WAR BELT**, is vital to holding together the life of a Christian! Putting on the **WAR BELT** of truth, is putting on the **Biblical beliefs of Christianity as a whole**. This is what other verses call "**the Faith**" of believers. This **WAR BELT** is a vital part of the spiritual armor; it's the foundation that believers live upon for all the time; it is the truth of **all the doctrines of the Christian Faith!**
 - **Jude 1:3 NLT** - "...I find that I must write ..urging you to defend **the faith** that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people."
 - **Phil 1:27 NLT** - "...I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for **the faith**.."

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- **What exactly can **God's Word** do for you as a believer??**
 - **Psalm 119:25,28** - "My soul clings to the dust; **Revive me** according to Your Word...My soul melts from heaviness; **strengthen me** according to Your Word."
 - **Psalm 119:32** - "I will run the course of Your commandments, for You shall **enlarge my heart**."
 - **Psalm 119:45** - "I will **walk at liberty**, for I seek Your precepts." (Jn 8:32)
 - **Psalm 119:50** - "This is my **comfort in my affliction**, for Your word has **given me life**."
 - **Psalm 119:105** - "Your word is **a lamp** to my feet, and **a light** to my path."
 - **Job 23:12** - "I have treasured the words of His mouth **more than my necessary food**."
 - **Psalm 138:2** - "...You have magnified Your Word **above all Your Name**."

III. The War Belt - **PRACTICALLY!**

- Allow the Word of God to **"surround"** your life and **"hold it together"** in battle!
- Here are **3 simple actions** for you to practically:
 - **"DIG"** the Word of God - Luke 6:46-48 NKJV - *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever **comes** to Me, and **hears** My sayings and **does** them, I will show you whom he is like: **He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.**"*
 - **"DO"** the Word of God - James 1:22-25 NLT - *"But **don't just listen** to God's word. **You must do what it says**. Otherwise, you are only **fooling yourselves**. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, **walk away, and forget what you look like**. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and **if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard**, then **God will bless you** for doing it."*

"DWELL" in the Word of God - Col 3:16 NKJV - *"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."*