

THE FIRST PIECE OF ARMOR: THE BELT OF TRUTH

(Ephesians 6.14a)

Central Idea: *We must understand the truth of Scripture and commit ourselves to following it with integrity.*

I. Our Real Battle (6.10-13)

Review ...

- What? Be strong in the Lord
- How? Put on the armor of God
- Why¹? To stand against the devil's schemes/methods
- Why²? Because our struggle is not physical but supernatural

Key Truths ...

- The power to stand does not come from us but from God (it's His armor).
- Each believer is responsible to put on the armor.
- The armor enables us to stand or hold the territory or ground won by Christ, not to attack Satan or advance against him.
- We don't fight *for* victory but *from* victory.

Remember ...

- Satan is a real person with demons who do his bidding.
- The armor is only a metaphor.

II. The Belt of Truth ... *having girded your loins with truth* (14a)

stand firm ...

with truth ...

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Why is truth so important in the Christian life?
2. What truth does Satan attack most often in your thinking?
3. In what ways has the Christian community in America failed to stand for truth?
4. What specific truths about God, about yourself, or about the gospel do you need to grasp and live by today?

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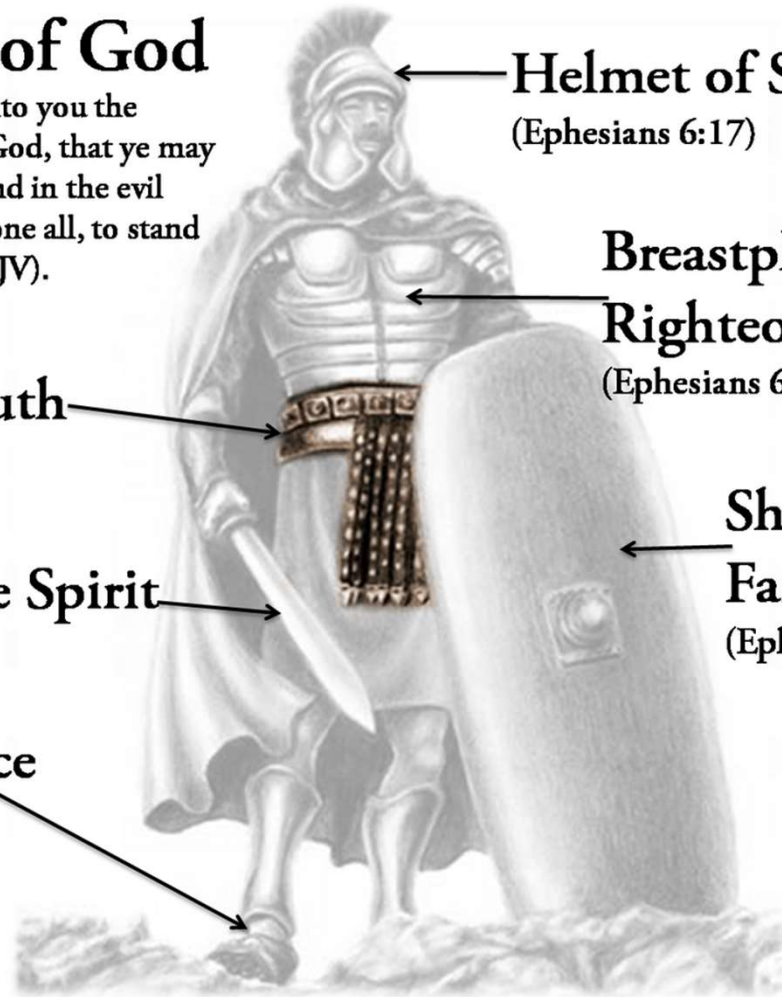
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Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Ephesians 6:13 KJV).



← **Helmet of Salvation**
(Ephesians 6:17)

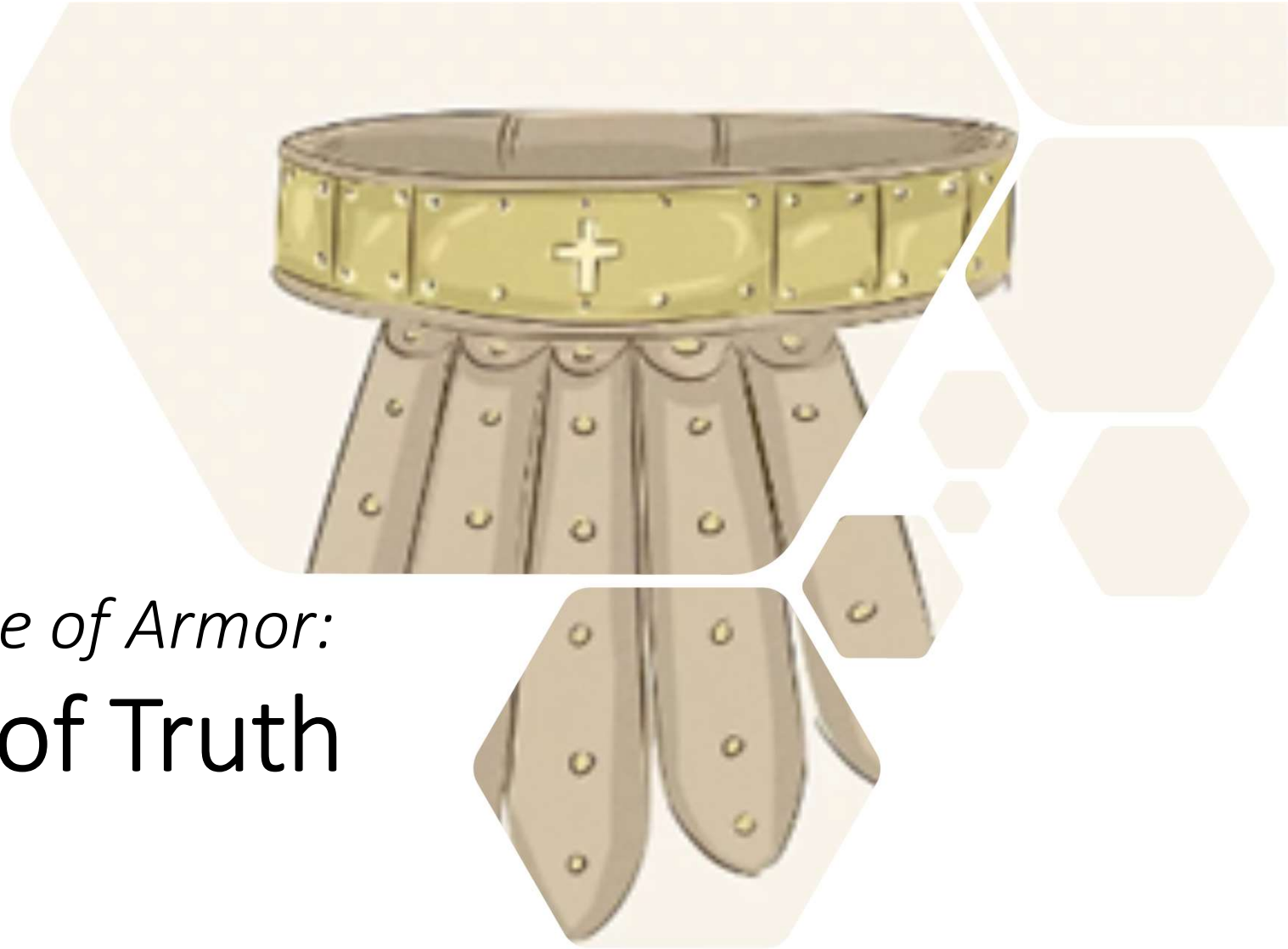
← **Breastplate of Righteousness**
(Ephesians 6:14)

Belt of Truth
(Ephesians 6:14)

← **Shield of Faith**
(Ephesians 6:16)

Sword of the Spirit
(Ephesians 6:17)

Feet of Peace
(Ephesians 6:15)



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I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God.

Stand firm in it!

1 Pet 5.12

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Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free.”

John 8.31-32

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3. God's truth is our chief weapon against Satan's lies and deception.