

The Soldier's Equipment (Part 1 of 3)

Ephesians 6:13-20

Intro: The results of a recent poll done by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University has made great waves in the evangelical world. In this poll, 1,000 pastors across America were given a 54-question survey as to what they believed. The results showed that only 37% of these pastors have a Biblically consistent worldview. The same poll given to 2,000 non pastors resulted with only 4% responding with a consistently biblical worldview. Of the pastors polled which pastor evangelical churches only 51% had a biblical worldview! These numbers, while staggering, follow the trend and rise of both doctrinal and moral relativism that have taken our country and our churches by storm. Certainly, Satan has a hand in this and believers have failed to stand firm against these things because they have not put on the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness.

I. The belt of truth

A. Familiarize- The what

B. Analyze- The why

C. Utilize- The how

II. The breastplate of righteousness

A. Familiarize- The what

B. Analyze- The why

C. Utilize- The how

Conclusion: Satan has been attacking truth and redefining morality since Genesis 3. The answer that should have been given by Adam and Eve is the answer that we must be prepared to give in the face of his continued attacks today. The only way we will do this is through God's strength and His armor. May we put on the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness as we seek to live for Christ in a world gone mad.

Questions for discussion/application:

- **T or F** The life (unity) is more important than the belief (doctrine).
- Is the belt of truth speaking of subjective truth (our own sincerity or trustworthiness) or objective truth (external absolute truth)?
- How are the belt of truth and the sword of the Spirit different? Aren't they both the Word of God?