

Full Armor of God Week 2: Belt of Truth
Sunday February 9th, 2020

Ephesians 6:10-11 (NLT, pg. 980) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (NLT, pg. 980-981)

Belt of Truth

John 18:33-38 (NLT, pg. 900)

We need to ask the same question today that Pilate asked then; _____?

Old Testament definition of truth = _____
trait; not fact oriented but an attribute of a person or community.

New Testament definition of truth = _____.

John 1:14 (NIV, pg. 881) 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.

John 14:6-7 (NLT, pg. 896) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

John 8:44 (NLT, pg. 890) [The devil] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

What will truth bring into my life?

Truth brings _____ through the gospel.

Ephesians 1:13 (NLT, pg. 977) And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.

Truth brings _____.

John 8:31-32 (NLT, pg. 890) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Truth brings _____ to life.

John 14:15-17 (NLT, pg. 896) "If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

How do I pursue truth in my daily journey?

Immerse myself in _____.

John 17:17-19 (NLT, pg. 899) Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

Genuinely _____ God.

John 4:23-24 (NLT, pg. 884) But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

Final Thought: In a world full of lies, Jesus brings truth; truth _____ everything. How much truth is in your life?

Armor of God week 2 Discussion Questions

How have you seen the “strategies of the devil” this past week? Were you able to “be strong in the Lord and His mighty power” and “stand firm”? Explain. How is the illustration of armor helpful to grasp the concept Paul is teaching us about this cosmic war we are a part of? “The truth changes everything” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

What is your reaction to the Old Testament definition of truth; character trait; not fact oriented but an attribute of a person or community? What is your reaction to the New Testament definition of truth; truth is a person, Jesus? Read 1 Peter 1:21-25. How is truth defined in this passage? What is the truth supposed to motivate us to do? Does it have this effect on everyone who follows Jesus? Why or why not? Read 1 John 3:16-22. What does John add to Peter’s perspective in the earlier passage?

Read Romans 1:18-32. Paul covers a lot in this passage. What is the big picture point he is trying to get us to understand (don’t focus on the different sins listed, but the larger concept he is teaching)? Re-read Romans 1:25. Why is this verse the key to this whole passage? Explain. Have you ever “traded the truth about God for a lie?” What will help you to identify the lie/deception before you believe it or act on it?

Read John 4:23-24 and 17:17-19 Jesus gives two ways that truth should be a part of our daily faith journey; immersing yourself in God’s word and genuine worship. What are some ways you immerse yourself in God’s word? How have these impacted your faith journey? What does “worship in Spirit and in truth” mean to you? Can worship only be done at a formal gathering of the church? Why or why not? What will you change in your life this week to tighten your belt of truth?