

The Believers Battle pt. #6

Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ 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 firm.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Satan is Obsessed with Destroying Truth

1. Satan has his _____ on the _____, and does everything in his power to destroy it, so he can destroy _____.
2. Satan's _____ targets are _____, priests, prophets, bishops, professors, Reverends, cardinals, rabbis, and spiritual mentors.

2 Peter 2:1 (NIV) - But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves.

Matthew 7:15-20 (NASB) "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Four tests to test biblical truth in a church/religion.

3. Test their _____ of the _____.

1 John 4:6 (NIV) We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

- a. Is the Word _____?
- b. Is the Word the _____ of authority?

4. Test their _____ on the _____.

Galatians 1:8-9 (NIV) But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!

As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

- a. Is the Gospel _____?
- b. Does the Gospel carry the _____ of _____.

5. Test their _____ of _____.

1 John 4:1-3 (NASB) Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the *spirit* of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

1 Timothy 6:3-4 (NIV) If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching.

- a. Did _____ come in the _____?
- b. Do you _____ with Jesus' _____?

6. _____ their _____.

Matthew 7:15-20 (NASB) "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- a. Is the _____ of the _____ prevalent in the _____ life?
- b. Is the _____ of the _____ prevalent in the _____?