

EPHESIANS STUDY

CHAPTER 6:14

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TITLE:

“The Christian in Complete Armor”
“Being Wrapped in the Truth”

SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

SUB-TITLE:

“The Growing Up” of a Healthy Church

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us**
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Introduction: The Reading of the Text vv. 6:14

Remembering the Theme !

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has blessed us**
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

“He has blessed us”
I Love “Knowing” this

He **has** and **continues** on to bless us with every spiritual blessing

There’s something very comforting and uplifting when
you know something has to get done, but you just don’t know how or when it can get
down...

Only To Find Out That Someone Else Has Already
Taken Care of It All for You !!!

- Like Taking Out The Trash
 - Like Washing the Car
- Like Preparing for a Meeting

The Lord Has Done It All for Us

Remembering the Context !

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Last Time Together:

1.) The Believer's Response to the War vv. 13a

1a.) We are to **Seize the Offensive** by "Taking Up" vv. 13a

1b.) We are **Not to Leave** any Thing Undone vv. 13b

2.) We are to Be Confident in Our Captain vv. 13

2c.) Because of **His Strength**, We Can Stand Too vv. 13c

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3.) We're to be Staying in the Battle until He Comes v. 13-14a

3a.) Staying Focused on Jesus in the Heat of Battle

and having **done all** to **stand**.

Verse 14a

3b.) Stand firm in all of “His Glory”

14a. Stand therefore....

STAND

Luke 21:36

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and **to stand** before the Son of Man."

Romans 5:2

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace **in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Watch, **stand** fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

1 Thessalonians 3:8

For now we live, if you **stand** fast in the Lord.

And Will You Stand?

“Jesus Said”

John 8:31-32

..."If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 "And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**"

“Pilate Said”

John 18:38

"What is truth?"

John 18:37-38

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "**What is truth?**"

“The Christian in Complete Armor”

“Being Wrapped in the Truth vv.14

Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,

Ephesians 6:14 NIV

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,

1.) We've Been Given The Truth of God vv. 14

2) We're to be Prepared to Give The Truth of God vv. 14

3.) We're to be Personally Involved in the Truth vv. 14

4.) We're Now to be Bold with the Truth of God vv. 14

The Church at Chino Hills

Ephesians 4:11-13

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

As long as you are face to face with other people;
you are called to full-time ministry

“Being Wrapped in the Truth”

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, **be strong** in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹ **Put on** the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand against** the wiles of the devil. ¹² For we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but **against** principalities, **against** powers, **against** the rulers of the darkness of this age, **against** spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. ¹⁴ **Stand** therefore, **having girded** your waist with truth, **having put** on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and **having shod** your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, **taking** the shield of faith with which you will be able to **quench** all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And **take** the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ **praying** always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, **being watchful** to this end with all **perseverance** and **supplication** for all the saints--

Take a Deep Breath, Fill Your Lungs, Cuz

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

1.) We've Been Given The Truth of God

vv. 14

Stand therefore,
having girded your waist with truth,

2 Timothy 2:1-4

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ **No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him AS A SOLDIER.**

A Focus on "The Having"

* **Having** GRK 1746 enduo (en-doo'-o);
having invested in **the proper** clothing to be wearing **the best** for the occasion

1a.) Stand, Stand Again with the Truth

vv. 14a

Verse 14a

Stand therefore - (Stand firm then)

The devil is strategizing against **us**
to attack one another

"feelings", "thoughts", "misunderstandings", "confusion"

The 'Standing'

IS THE BRIDGE

!!! BETWEEN US SOLDIERS AND OUR CAPTAIN !!!

1 Corinthians 15:1

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you,
which also you received and **in which you stand**,

Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,
and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

1 Peter 5:12b

...I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God **in which you stand**.
the gospel is the revelation of grace

The Having is The Having of “The Truth”

We Have Been Given The Truth of God

2) We're to be Prepared to Give Away The Truth vv. 14

2b.) But We're to be Applying the Truth vv. 14b

Verse 14

Stand therefore,
having **girded** your waist with truth,

Verse 14

having **girded**

The Demonic and Satanic Powers that Be
are against the truth
to attack it / to pollute it / to twist it / to infiltrate it

Samson: Satan's victory

Judges 16:15-17, 19-21

Then she said to him, "How can you say, 'I love you,' when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength lies." ¹⁶ And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, ¹⁷ that he told her all his heart, and said to her, "No razor has ever come upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man..." ¹⁹ Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. ²⁰ And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. ²¹ Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.

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Girded

GRK 4024 perizonnumi (per-id-zone'-noo-mee);

to pull up and to tighten all around. to fasten on one's own belt

Yes, it applies to the Roman Solider in His Getting Dressed (The Having) *but...*

Luke 12:35-37

"Let your waist be **girded** and your lamps burning; ³⁶ and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master, when *he* comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that *he* (the master) will **gird** himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

But... it also speaks of war-time service

John 13:3-4

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and **girded** Himself.

The Robes of Jesus Day

were long. Around your waist was a belt a linen sash or rope that was used when you needed to pull up the robe to serve or to run or fight...

A Word Picture

Luke 15:20, 22-24

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.... the father served the son

It was forbidden for a man of authority
to run undignified

... ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

To fasten on one's own belt

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore **gird up** the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

The People Who Need to Hear
This the Most, Aren't Here

Your Walk - My Walk -
FOCUSED ON GOD, THE WORD, THE CHURCH

3.) We're to be **Personally Involved** in the Truth

vv. 14

Verse 14

Stand therefore,
having girded your waist with truth,

Having girded **your waist**

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Waist

GRK 3751 **osphus** (os-foos');

the loins, the area of the hips. the reproductive, procreative powers of a man or woman

If there were ever an **X-Files** it is this
That Satan Desires to Pollute the Human Race By False Doctrine

SATAN'S WARFARE & TACTICS

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God indeed said**, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Satan Attacks the Truth By Telling Lies

2 Timothy 4:3-5

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**Be careful for the Cute and Swank Teachings
The Feel Good, Warm and Fuzzies Sermon's...**

Nothing Blatant Up Front.

But is There Power, Conviction, Exhortation, and Encouragement Together?

Acts 20:26-29

"Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. ²⁹ For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

II Thessalonians 2:7-10

For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

If your waist is not girded with Truth

you'll have no appetite for biblical truth

If your waist is not girded with Truth

you'll have no real passion to reach the lost

If your waist is not girded with Truth

you'll be undiscerning or gullible

If your waist is not girded with Truth

you'll fall sickly to false doctrine

If your waist is not girded with Truth

you'll have no desire to fight for the truth

In Your Life, What is it That You're Willing to Die For?

What is it That You are Willing to Live For?

The Days are Evil

Isaiah 5:20a

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,

4.) We're Now to be Bold with the Truth of God

vv. 14

Stand therefore,
having girded your waist with **truth**,

But What is Truth

* **Truth** **GRK 225 aletheia (al-ay'-thi-a)**
the actual, the proven, the reality

The word "Truth" appears in the original Greek as "truth" not a truth or the truth - but truth itself in its virgin totality

Truth is;
"That which is of God, expressed in thought, word or deed having
been originated in God and out from God"

The Truth
is not naturally a resident within a human being
- nor Angel or Devil

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 6:7

Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Acts 12:24

But the word of God grew and multiplied.

4a.) Because Jesus is The Truth

"Jesus Said"

John 8:31b-32

... If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

John 14:5-6a

then Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, **the truth**,

4b.) Because The Holy Spirit is Truth

John 14:16-17

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:26

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

I John 5:6b

...And it is the Spirit who bears witness,
because the Spirit is truth.

SATAN'S WARFARE & TACTICS

4c.) Because Our God is The God of all Truth

Consider This;

Everything we Hear or Discuss is Either a Lie or a Truth
or a Mixer of the Both

1 Samuel 12:24

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

Ephesians 5:9

(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),

I John 4:6

We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Bible is Truth

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Church is Where the Truth is

1 Timothy 3:15b

I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

We Have Come Over to the Side of All Truth

- We Have The **Commissioning** of Our Father
 - We Have the **Leadership** of the Son
 - We Have the **Empowerment** of the Spirit

The “Girding” Must Begin to Happen

The End