

ARMOR OF GOD -- BELT OF TRUTH

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Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
Goal -- To begin a series about the "Armor of God"
Tonight -- Part 1 -- Belt of Truth

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Eph. 6:10 strong in the Lord -- in the power of His might
11 put on the whole armor of God -- that you may
be able to stand against wiles of devil
12 for we do not wrestle against flesh & blood
13 put on the whole armor of God -- that you may
be able to withstand evil
14 belt of truth -- girdle of truth

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* What is the truth?
* For the sake of this study, we will define the
truth in the following 2 ways --

1. A Way of Life
2. That Which Is True

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* A WAY OF LIFE
* More than a special set of doctrines

* Some among the Church of God congregations made the mistake of
viewing "the truth" as a specific set of church doctrines
* "The truth" = more than a specific set of church doctrines
* First -- let's look at the importance of truthful doctrines

Exod. 20:2 I brought you out of Egypt
3-17 therefore -- 10 Commandments
Deut. 5:6-21 10 Commandments repeated
29 that it might be well with them
Deut. 6:24 for our good always
Matt. 19:16 what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal
life?
17 Jesus -- keep the commandments
18-19 the man asked -- which? -- Jesus mentioned some

20 the young man said -- I have kept these from my
youth -- what else do I lack?
21 Jesus answered -- go sell what you have and give
to the poor

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* THAT WHICH IS TRUE

* Remember the nature of God

Titus 1:2 God, who cannot lie
Heb. 6:17-18 promise and oath -- impossible for God to lie
1 Kings 22:19-23 God "put" a lying spirit -- God allowed

* Remember the nature of Satan

John 8:44 Satan = the father of lies
45-46 Christ told the truth -- they did not believe
John 10:10 steal -- kill -- destroy
Rev. 12:10 the accuser of the brethren

* Remember the purpose of the Son of God

John 18:37 for this cause I was born, and for this cause I have
come into the world -- that I should bear
witness to the truth

* Truth is stronger than other miracles

Eph. 1:17-18 reminder -- revelation of truth = a miracle
Deut. 13:1-5 if a sign that shall come to pass --
Matt. 24:4 do not be deceived
24 future miracles -- deceive the very elect?
Luke 16:31 understanding scripture > seeing a resurrection
2 Thes. 2:9 with all power, signs and lying wonders
10 did not receive the love of truth
11 strong delusion
Rev. 13:13-15 deception through miracles

* Truth is stronger than illusions

Matt. 23:25-28 inner reality > outward appearance
Luke 18:9-14 repentance > religious appearance
2 Cor. 4:2 craftiness, deceit & manipulation
Eph. 4:14 sound doctrine > every wind of doctrine
maturity > sleight of hand & cunning craftiness

* Truth is stronger than self-deception

1 Cor. 3:18 let no one deceive himself
Gal. 6:3 if he thinks he is special -- deceive himself
James 1:26 thinks he is religious -- deceives himself
Rev. 3:17 they don't see themselves

18 gold in fire -- anoint eyes -- that you see
19 repent
John 17:17 the Son of God -- "sanctify them by Your truth, Your
word is truth"
19 that they also may be sanctified by the truth