

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6: 14

March 14, 2021

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p><b>Ephesians 6:10</b> 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, [15] 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; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] 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, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.</p>	<p><b>Truth is essential to the Christian life and our stand against evil.</b></p> <p>I. What is truth?</p> <p>II. Knowing and applying the truth should be our abiding endeavor.</p> <p>III. Truthfulness should mark our practice</p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2021-</b></p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <p>[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,</p> <p>[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.</p> <p>[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.</p> <p>[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,</p> <p>[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,</p> <p>[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Why is the belt such an important part of a soldier's armor...and why is the Belt of Truth such a vital part of our armor?

2. What does Paul equate with truth in Ephesians (hint: see Ephesians 1:13)?

3. Discuss this statement from Encyclopedia Britannica:  
*Truth is the aim of belief; falsity is a fault.  
People need the truth about the world in order to thrive. Truth is important.  
Believing what is not true is apt to spoil people's plans and may even cost them their lives.  
Telling what is not true may result in legal and social penalties.  
Conversely, a dedicated pursuit of truth characterizes the good scientist, the good historian, and the good detective.*

4. There are two ways Paul speaks of truth in Ephesians. First, he speaks in reference to objective truth. Jesus and the Gospel. Doctrinal truth. How should we "fasten the belt of truth" in this light?

5. The second way Paul speaks of truth has to do with being truthful as people who are "in Christ" (Ephesians 4:24). Truth-telling certainly involves calling out falsehood. But it also means something more. Read Psalm 51:3-6 and discuss the kind of truthfulness addressed there.

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: