

THE LOINBELT OF TRUTH Dr. David R. Landis 7/1/18-031

Text: Ephesians 6:10 “*be strong in the Lord and in the power of His...*”

- Review:
1. “*Against*” or forward, face to face encounter.
 2. “*Wiles*” or a road to our minds.
 3. We must replace the enemies thoughts with the Word.
 - a. “*It is written*”. The devil wanted Jesus to bow down and worship him. Not a continuous worship but just one time. No one was there to see Him do it?
 4. The devil wants to wear you out. He repeatedly attacks with symptoms and words or thoughts.

I. Ephesians 6:14 “*having your loins gird about with truth*”

- A. I Thessalonians 5:8 Paul gives a short list of the armor. This is earlier in his life and now in Ephesians he has more illumination.
- B. Ephesians 6:14 “*stand therefore*”... or to stand upright or head back and shoulders back.
 1. First piece is the Roman loincloth. The least attractive, noticeable and boring piece of the armor.
 - a. It held all the other pieces in place. Makes it important in its function.
 - b. The soldier rested his shield on it. Hung his sword on it and it kept the breastplate from flopping around.
 2. These weapons are invisible to us. The loincloth is visible it is the truth of the written Word of God.
 - a. If we ignore the Word of God we will fall apart.

II. Two words for the word “*word*”. Logos and rhema. Logos is the written Word of God and rhema is the revealed spoken Word of God.

- A. Do not discard the Logos. You will lose your sense of righteousness, peace, joy and ability to walk by faith.

- B. Our church is built on the Word of God. Not on praise and worship, social gatherings, or prayer.
 - 1. II Timothy 3:17 “...*perfect, thoroughly furnished...*”
 - a. “*Furnish*” is to completely outfit or fully supply. It was used to describe wagons or ships that were completely outfitted with gear.
 - b. Ephesians 4:12 “*equipping of the saints*”
 - 2. The Bible must be your final authority in life.

III. Hebrews 5:12, 13 We want you to be skilled in the word of righteousness.

- A. If you ignore the Word you will not develop in righteousness.
 - 1. Satan hates righteousness and will try to condemn you.
- B. Isaiah 32:17 The work of righteousness shall be peace.
 - 1. Colossians 3:15 “*let the peace of God rule...*”
 - 2. Most people experience inner turmoil, frustration and mixed up emotions because of today’s hectic schedules.
 - a. “*Rule*” is a picture of an umpire who calls the shots at a public game.
 - 3. v16 “*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly*”.
 - a. “*Dwell*” or to take up residence or making oneself feel at home.
 - b. “*Richly*” or extravagance or luxurious living.
 - c. How you treat wisdom is how she will treat you.
 - 4. Romans 10:17 “*faith cometh by hearing...*”

IV. The helmet of salvation. Deliverance, safety, preservation, soundness of mind and healing. This something we must “*take*”.

- A. II Timothy 3:15 Knowing the scriptures makes one wise.
- B. The sword hung on the loincloth. They are connected.
 - 1. II Peter 1:19 We have a more sure word of prophecy.
 - 2. Get a rhema by the Holy Spirit quickening the logos.
- C. Hebrews 4:12 It is a sharp two - edged sword (logos).
- D. The loincloth protected the reproductive area.
 - 1. I Peter 1:23 We are born again by the seed or word.

- E. Psalm 119 David describes his love for the Word of God.
 - 1. v63 Our companions should be chosen because of their love for the Word of God.
 - 2. v131-134 The word of God should be central in our lives.
- F. Revelation 12:11 We overcome by the word of our testimony or the Word of God.