

THE BELT OF TRUTH
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
APRIL 5, 2009

Questions for Study and Reflection

1. Take some time to reflect on the lessons we've learned so far and to know them well: (a) God Almighty is greater than all, including our enemies, and therefore if we're made strong in him we will have the victory. (b) Our enemies are fierce and they're out to destroy us every day. (c) The armor of God is in fact God himself and therefore to put it on is to draw near to him and be covered in his presence. (d) We were designed to fight this battle together as one body in Christ. (e) To put on the armor of God is to know the Truth, who is Jesus Christ, stand for the truth, and tell the truth.
2. One of the main ways Satan seeks to combat the armies of Christ is by deceiving them through false teaching. Look up each of the following texts and ponder the designs of your enemy as well as the countermeasures of your Father: Luke 20:45-47; Acts 20:25-32; 2 Cor 11:12-15; 1 Tim 4:1-3; 1 John 2:18-29; 2 Pet 2:1-3; Jude 1:3-4.
3. Pastor Charlie said that to arm yourself against error you must do four things:
 - a. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength; pursue him; cling to him; seek him as your only treasure. How are you doing with this? How can you grow?
 - b. Saturate your mind with the Word of God by reading and studying and memorizing and meditating on and obeying it. How are you doing with this? How can you stretch and grow in your knowledge of the Word this year?
 - c. Take full advantage of the teaching offered to you, first at your local church and then through the internet, radio, books, etc. Are you taking the teaching that the Lord is providing you seriously? Are you striving to understand and integrate it into your life and the life of your family? How can you grow in this?
 - d. Take full advantage of the body of Christ. You were not meant to stand against deception alone, so how are you doing with partnering with other believers to identify and combat false teaching? How can you grow in this?
4. I strongly recommend that you buy and read John MacArthur's book, *The Truth War: Fighting for Certainty in an age of Deception*. Also, visit websites like www.monergism.org, R. C. Sproul's www.ligoneer.org, John Piper's www.desiringgod.org, and Hank Hanegraaff's www.equip.org.