

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another
in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.



The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-20 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 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, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reflections from Scripture on The Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

II Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

III John 1:3-4 For I rejoiced greatly when the brothers came and testified to your truth, as indeed you are walking in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

Song

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
'Til ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this his glorious day:
Ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with pray'r;
Where duty calls, or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

O God, most high, most Holy Father, the armor of God reminds us that we are in a war, there is nothing fairy-tale about this life. Thank you Lord, for your truth and Word that shield us and give us discernment and awareness to stand strong in this life. Thank you for this strong belt of truth, and the gift of Jesus Christ, who alone holds everything together.

We pray that you remind us of your truth, when the devil prowls every day, seeking to devour believers and unbelievers with half-truths and deceptions. With the belt of truth protect us from the enemy's lies and deception, for he is the father of lies and there is no truth in him. Draw us increasingly to your Word and give us a renewed hunger and thirst for your truth, that we might resist worldly lies, evil and the evil one. May your Word keep us from temptation and falling, as your Word protected Jesus during His temptation.

We pray that you remind us of who you are and the truth of you and of your plan for our lives and world, when the world tries to convince me otherwise. Help us to redirect other believers back to the truth, in love, and to accept their direction when they try to help us when we stumble away from the truth.

We call on you today and believe that you are near, our shield and our refuge. Give us your wisdom to raise our children to know your words of truth and power. Set us apart in this world, purify us with your forgiveness and encompassing love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus who is the Truth who sets us free. Amen.