

SERMON NOTES

Date: January 17, 2021

Series: God's Riches

Title: The Belt of Truth

Text: Ephesians 6:14

Big Idea: Standing firm against the enemy means having the truths of God's word fastened to our heart through the work of God's Son.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

A good soldier must know the enemy so that he can fight strategically. What do the following passages tell us about our enemy? (Note: *Satan* is a Hebrew word that means "adversary." *Devil* is the translation of the Greek word *diabolos*, from which we get our English word "diabolical.")

- John 8:44
- 1 Peter 5:8
- 2 Corinthians 11:14
- Mark 4:15
- Zechariah 3:1
- Isaiah 14:12

Though Satan is a formidable enemy, what do the following passages reveal about his limitations?

- Job 1:12; Luke 22:31
- James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9
- Revelation 20:7-10
- Hebrews 2:14-15

Why is it important to know that Jesus wore the belt of truth during earthly life and will wear it in his eternal kingdom (cf. Matthew 4:1-11; Isaiah 11:5)?

APPLY THE TRUTH

What gets in the way of your ability to receive and apply biblical truth to your life consistently? What needs to change to fix the problem?

Name three lies that the devil tempts you to believe.

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What specific truths about God, yourself, or the gospel do you need to fasten around your heart to counter these lies?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Psalm 119:18 says, "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." Make this your daily prayer this week each time you read or listen to God's word.