


God's Armor: Truth,
Righteousness, Gospel



Ephesians 6:14-15 - Message

Stand your ground as you rely on the first three preparations for Satan's attacks

Ephesians 6:10-20 Outline (in progress)

Stand firm in spiritual warfare

1. Be strong by putting on God's armor (6:10-13)
2. Stand firm wearing God's armor (6:14-16)
3. (6:17-20)

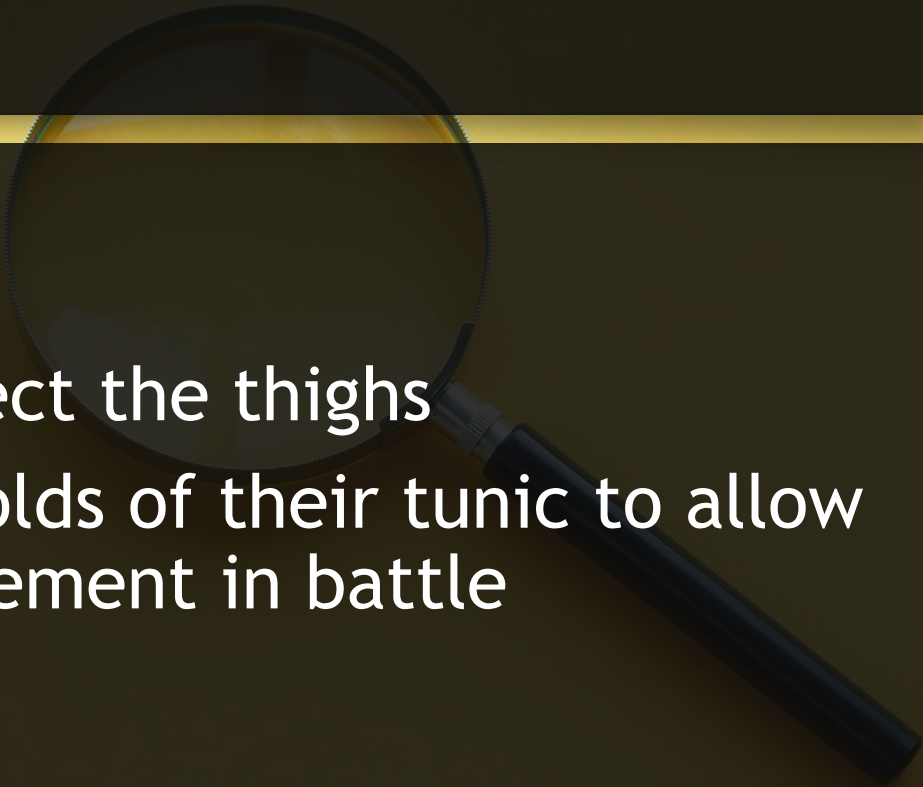
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Hold your ground, ready with truthfulness and faithfulness (14a)

Hold your ground, protected by righteous character (14b)

Hold your ground, sure-footed by the good news of peace (15)

Girding the loins

- Leather belt or girdle to protect the thighs
 - Used for tucking in the long folds of their tunic to allow quicker and more steady movement in battle
 - It indicates readiness to act
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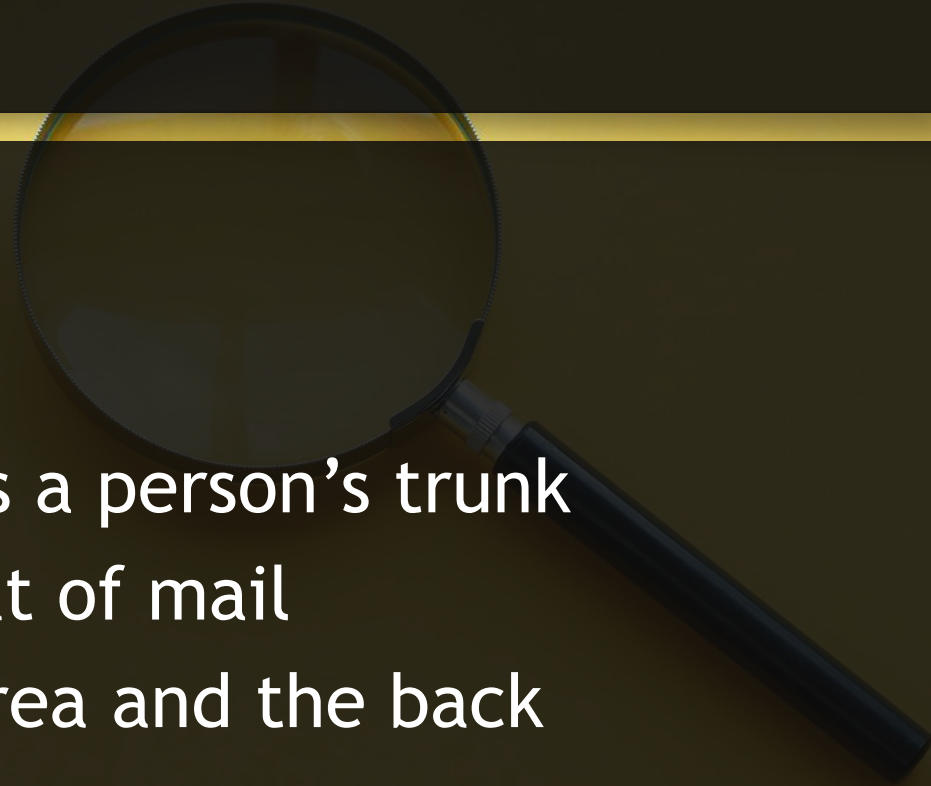
Loins girded with truth - Eph 6:14

Eve, with her belly full of fruit, questioned God's goodness for withholding one tree. Jesus, with his stomach empty from fasting, stood His ground against Satan's misuse of Scripture. **Jesus defeated Satan with the truth of God's word used correctly.**



Breastplate - Eph 6:14

- Greek “*thorax*”
- Person’s chest or trunk
- Piece of armor which protects a person’s trunk
- Single sheet of metal or a coat of mail
- Typically covered the chest area and the back
- Protected the vital organs



What righteousness is not - Eph 6:14

NOT the “legalistic behavior and accomplishments” that so many Christians clothe themselves with. Such a “cloak of self-righteousness gives Satan a ready-made weapon to stifle and smother our spiritual life and service”

John MacArthur, *Ephesians*, p. 352

Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace - Eph 6:15

“It is the believers’ “surefootedness” in the tranquility of the mind and security of the heart in the gospel of peace that gives them readiness to stand against the devil and his angelic hosts”

Harold Hoehner, *Ephesians*, p. 844

Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel
of peace - Eph 6:15

“the gospel, and only the gospel, can knit
the hearts and minds of men together in a
solid peace and love”

William Gurnall, *The Christian In Complete Armor*, p. 318

You will be able to stand your ground when:

Application - Eph 6:14-15

You maintain an unwavering commitment to truth-telling

You consistently walk in righteous behavior

You and your brethren are sure-footed in the peace that comes through the gospel