

**Ephesians 6:10-20**  
"The Belt of Truth"

**Introduction:** *The Difficult Journey to the Celestial City*

We must head the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to His \_\_\_\_\_  
to put on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

- **A question that the commentators wrestle with:** Is Paul referring to the objective truth of God's word or to truthfulness in one's inner being?
- **Our society today:** largely out-of-touch with reality
- **Jonathan Edwards on counterfeit religious practices:** "It is by the mixture of counterfeit religion with the true, not discerned and distinguished, that the devil has had his greatest advantage against the cause and kingdom of Christ all along hitherto. It is by this means principally that he has prevailed against all the revivings of religion that ever have been since the first founding of the Christian church."
- **Putting on "the belt of truth":** a reference to the objective truth of God's word as we put it into practice
- **Richard Baxter's teaching on Satan's devices:** Satan is very jealous to get the moral standards and the educational standards of a nation on his side.

- **The Roman soldier's belt:** the first part of the battle gear to be put on with the specific purpose of supporting the core of his being
- **The objective truth of God's word:** needs to get into the very core of our beings!
- **J.C. Ryle (on the word of God for our lives):** "To be safe, you must be well-armed. You must provide yourself with the weapons that God has given you for your help. You must store your mind with Holy Scripture. This is to be well-armed."
- **The book of Acts:** something of a case study in Satan's devices against God's people
- **A great need in every age of the church:** believers who understand the times in which they live
- **The proper response to a society that largely has no place for truth:** not mere admonition or accommodation, but the proclamation of God's word
- **Personal Application:**

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