

## #25. *Armoured With Truth*

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth

### “with truth”?

#### 1. “*Standing firm against the devil’s schemes*” requires truth

##### a) Truth = the facts about God and about life

Becoming a Christian ...Romans 6:17,18 and Romans 10:13  
Experiencing freedom...John 8:31,32  
Being led astray... II Corinthians 11:3

##### b) Truth = a sincere commitment to the facts

*Both are essential. HOW DO YOU GET CONVINCED?*

→ It’s a gift: God gives faith ~ Romans 10:17

OR...1. Observing the world, we deduce a Creator. ... the Allomerus ant trap

A fork in the road: Atheism or theism?

2. Considering all the religions of the world: “Christianity unique.”

A fork in the road: Unique therefore wrong?/ Unique therefore perhaps true?

3. Call upon the Name of the Lord

Van Auken’s sonnet

#### 2. “*Standing firm against the devil’s schemes*” requires both!

### “having girded your loins”?

#### 3. “*Putting on the full armour of God*” begins with a sincere commitment to the facts about God and life.

The belt was the first piece of equipment put on

#### 4. “*Putting on the full armour of God*” depends on a sincere commitment to the facts about God and life.

All the rest of the armour was supported by or suspended from the belt

### APPLICATION

##### a) Accept the Bible as the truth

#### **Psalms 12:6**

The words of the LORD are pure words; As silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times.

#### **Proverbs 30:5**

Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

#### **II Timothy 3:16**

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...

#### **II Peter 1:20-21**

But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Yes... this is hard to believe, but so is everything: gravity, language, especially its origin, the flight of jumbo jets, the allomerus ant trap... the success of certain hip hop musicians... all sorts of things are hard to believe!

**b) Commit yourself to living according to the truth**

Take your stand on the Word of God. It raises all kinds of questions, some of which will pose more of a problem to you than others. But so does believing anything.