

20151120 Chaotic Mind, Chaotic Era

What era you are living in?

- People are believing a lot in themselves (think, feel) rather than grounded stuff
- People read things, and choose things that are right for god, or themselves

Look deep into soul (that's what truth does to you) , or **see things at face value and legitimise what you feel**

Just because plain truths are harsh, *doesn't mean we should reject them and redefine our own actions (abortion! looking for love --> family planning! adultery)*

We are looking for reaffirmation (FB posts)

People are denying the truth (instead of being convicted of the truth and acknowledge the sinfulness and sin inside)

- *I am not greedy.. Just want to cover loss*
- *I am not inferior, I am just...*

“The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke (culture and trend that **clouds spiritual truth**) rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts (strong ideology or belief that dominate the world) came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.” Revelation 9:1-3 NIV

“The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces.

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.” Revelation 9:7, 13-15 NIV

“The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.”
Revelation 9:19 NIV

Don't just take in news, but process them **with the truth. Don't be overwhelmed by news and lack discernment**

1. Post modernism era

1. Background

- ~1650: **pre-modernism** (takes in truth from authoritative sources without questioning e.g. bible, renounced saints, pope)

- 1650 - 1950: **modernism** --> *people giving more focus and credibility to science, e.g. logical reasoning. Thus advancement of sciences, industrial revolution. People start to see hope and belief in these things that advance their lives.*
 - 1950- now: **post modernism** - spontaneous temperament and reasoning. More random in thinking and feelings. **People just want to believe what they want to believe. People are no longer contended what we have, just want change.** People cannot stand the absolute things now (truth).. So even pastor try to "fit" into the culture (**internet**)
 - People become famous just by realising their dreams through feelings (post their singing on YouTube, just go to talent shows, just be atypical.)
 - **6th trumpet**
2. Workings of the spiritual forces (*behind these civilisations*) - **enemy of our heart and mind who wants to strip us off the truth, and assimilate us into the world**
 3. Christians are not praying

Put on The full armour of god

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV

1. Whole truth (not just grace, not just evangelism -> but whole things): **put on**
 - Belt of truth, sword of the spirit
 - Put on = **know it! have it in heart and mind! Systemically and holistically**
 - To put off first, before you put on
 - Your habits, opinions on work, r/s, trust on feelings
 - If you don't put off, all the truths you hear are repetitive and "stale, dead space"
2. Use it actively
 - God is truth, and God is love. So don't fall on unloved thoughts, fall on love.
 - Your heart is designed to be anchored on the truth. Only then the heart will give you the right voice.
 - Test the will of God. Walk by faith (not by sight)
 - The full armour is meant not for look-see but to **fight and use actively. That is how you see the power of the truth (HS works in accordance to the truth)**
3. **The full armour will create a burden upon you that makes you safer, and run faster**
 - It has weight because it challenges your flesh and makes you don't live recklessly

- You will be inconvenienced if you are wearing the gospel shoes

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18 NIV

- Pray in the spirit (means not fixated) on all occasions - pray as you live, live as you pray
- Grace and favour with you all the time if you know how to pray (eg Joseph gen 39:2) - because u listen to the instruction from God all the time, and can feel people
- Truth-abiding yet relevant Christians