

Key Scriptures:

1 Peter 5:8

Habakkuk 1:13

John 3:19-21

Romans 3:10, 20

1 Timothy 1:15

Proverbs 28:13

Psalms 51:1-3

1 Corinthians 6:11

Matthew 5:6, 6:33

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*Today we continue the Armor of God series by examining the next piece Paul discusses in Ephesians. As a breastplate protects a soldier's most vital organs, so does righteousness protect our hearts from the evil influences of Satan. But as sinners, how do we get to true righteousness?*

**STEPS TO UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

1. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_: What \_\_\_\_\_ is.

**Habakkuk 1:13 NIV**

*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?*

2. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_: What we \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 3:20 NIV**

*Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.*

3. Understanding \_\_\_\_\_: What we \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 6:11 NIV**

*And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*



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**CHALLENGE:**

**This Week:** Review these understandings again. How does applying each one to your situation give you a new appreciation for what Christ did for you?

**Summer:** Read Hebrews 11. Study one or two people listed in that chapter each week to see what their story of faith truly entailed.