



WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD.

EPHESIANS 6:13-14

- “¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with **the belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with **the breastplate of righteousness in place,**”

CCIC BELIEVE:

- 1. WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED. GALATIAN 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”
- 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. COLOSSIANS 3: “¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
- 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. MARK 16;15 “¹⁵ *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”*”

OUR STRUCTURE:

- 1. TEACH THE WORD OF GOD. 2TIMOTHY 3:16 “ ¹⁶**All Scripture** is God-breathed and is **useful** for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- 2. TEACH TO PRAY. LUKE 11:1” One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.**”
- 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE. MARK 12:30-31’ ³⁰**Love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[f] ³¹ The second is this: **Love your neighbor as yourself.**^[g] There is no commandment greater than these.”
- 4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES. MATTHEW 28:19-20 “¹⁹ Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Text: Ephesians 6:13-17

- Ephesians 6: “¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with **the breastplate of righteousness in place**, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

SERIES ABOUT THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

- 1. WHY BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS MATTERS.
- 2. THE IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- 3. THE PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

WHAT IS PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- Practical righteousness means living out righteousness in everyday life. It refers to believer's actions, behavior, and lifestyle that reflect obedience to God. It is the righteousness that is seen in how a person actually lives.

BIBLICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN BE UNDERSTOOD IN TWO WAYS.

- 1. POSITIONAL [OR IMPUTED] RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- This is the righteousness that God gives to us through faith in Jesus Christ.
- It is our standing before God, not something we do or earn.
- God declares believers righteous because of what Christ has done on the cross.

1. POSITIONAL [OR IMPUTED] RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- Romans 3:22 “This righteousness is given through faith in^[h] Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,”
- Romans 1:17 “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^[e] just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”^[f]”

1. POSITIONAL [OR IMPUTED] RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- Galatians 3:11 “Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because “the righteous **will live by faith.**””
- Hebrews 10:38 “ And, “But my righteous^[g] one will live **by faith.** And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”^[h]
- ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who **have faith** and are saved.

2. PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- A. This is how believers live after they are saved.
- B. It is daily obedience, holy living, and doing what is right according to God's Word.
- C. The emphasis is on practicing righteousness or living it out. 1 John 3:7 “ Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.”

Simple way to understand it.

- 1. Positional righteousness---Our status before God.[given by Grace Through faith in Jesus].
- 2. Practical Righteousness---Our conduct before God and the people. [Show in our life]. 2Cor. 5:17 “ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ” “JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

1. THE SOURCE OF PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- JOHN.15:5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”
- A. We cannot produce righteousness by our own strength.
- B. It comes from abiding in Christ.
- C. A transformed heart produces a transformed life.
- TRUTH. “Stay connected to Christ through Prayers, Scriptures, obedience.”

2. THE EVIDENCE OF PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- Matthew 7:16 “ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”
- A. A tree is known by its fruit.
- B. True believers show righteousness in: their speech, their relationship, their conduct. Honesty, love, forgiveness and purity.
- C. Our lives should show the character of Christ.

3. THE PRACTICE OF PRATICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- Ephesians 4:23' and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”
- A. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
- B. Put on the new man which was was created according to God.
- C. Practical righteousness requires intentional obedience.

4. THE PURPOSE OF PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- Matthew 5:16 “ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”
- A. Let your life be a good testimony to others.
- B. Let the World witness our good works done by faith.
- C. Our righteous life glorifies God.

CONCLUSION:

- PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF AN INWARD TRANSFORMATION. BECAUSE WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WE SHOULD LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY BEFORE OTHERS.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1. WHAT IS ONE SPECIFIC CHANGE GOD IS CALLING ME TO MAKE IN ORDER TO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS MORE FAITHFULLY THIS WEEK?
- 2. WHAT PRACTICAL STEPS CAN I TAKE THIS WEEK TO PRACTICE RIGHTEOUSNESS?
- 3. IF SOMEONE OBSERVED MY DAILY LIFE, WHAT EVIDENCE WOULD THEY SEE THAT I BELONG TO CHRIST?