



WALKING WITH JESUS

IN THE FULL ARMOUR OF GOD

CCIC BELIEVES:

- 1. **WE ARE CHRIST CENTRED**. Galatians 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 “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 3:16-17” 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.”

OUR STRUCTURE:

- **3. Teach to love God and the people.** Mark 12:30-31” 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 neighbour as yourself.’^[g] There is no commandment greater than these.”
- **4. Teach to go and make Disciples** Matthew, 28:19-20” 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.”

Revelation 2:1-7

1 Unto the angel of the church of **Ephesus** write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

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4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Our Series On Breastplate Of Righteousness

1. WHY BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS MATTERS.
2. THE IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS.
3. THE PRACTICAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.
4. GUARDING YOUR HEART WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS.
5. RIGHTEOUSNESS vs. CONDEMNATION

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Key Truth: Condemnation weakens; righteousness stabilizes.

The battle - Righteousness vs. Condemnation will never end, but we can at least make these battles minor instead of major ones by not letting the enemy's accusations infect us - trusting in God's promises and by standing strong within the truth.

The Enemy Accuses – We rely on the power of God, God closes the case, and we apply through faith, the power of the Spirit and stand firm against accusation

Perfection is not our goal – consistency and reliability is much more important.

Putting On The Breastplate Daily

EPHESIANS 6:14 ESV

- Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Col 3:12-14 ESV/KJV

- **12** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,
- **13** bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as Christ has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- **14** And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Outline for today:

Putting on the breastplate daily defines:

1. Your identity
2. Your actions
3. Your attitudes and relationships
4. Your love

1. Your Identity

- Colossians 3:12a
- **12** Put on then, as God's **chosen** ones, **holy** and **beloved**...

1. Your Identity

- **A. Chosen**

- a. **Picked out, chosen**

- b. The Messiah is called preeminently "the chosen of God", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable: Luke 23:35

- c. chosen by God to obtain salvation through Christ

- *For many are called, but few are **chosen**.* Matt 22:14

1. Your Identity

- **B. Holy**
- a. Of things which on account of some connection with God possess a certain distinction and claim to reverence, as places sacred to God which are not to be profaned
- b. Persons whose services God employs; as for example, apostles, angels, prophets
- c. **Set apart for God, to be, as it were, exclusively his**

1. Your Identity

- **C. Beloved**

- a. **to take pleasure in a thing, prize it above other things, be unwilling to abandon it or do without it**
- b. to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly

2. Your Actions

- Colossians 3:12b
- ...**compassionate** hearts, **kindness**, **humility**, **meekness**, and **patience**

2. Your Actions

- **A. Compassionate** hearts
- In other translation - 'bowels of mercies'

2. Your Actions

- **B. Kindness**
- a. moral goodness, integrity
- b. benignity, kindness, goodness
- Rom 2:4 – ..the goodness of God leads you to repentance...

2. Your Actions

- **C. Humility**
- a. the having a humble opinion of one's self
- b. a deep sense of one's (moral) littleness
- Phil 2:3 - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in **humility** count others more significant than yourselves.

2. Your Actions

- **D. Meekness**
- a. gentleness, mildness, meekness

2. Your Actions

- **E. Patience**
- a. patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance; especially as shown in bearing troubles and ills
- b. patience, forbearance, long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs

3. Your Attitudes And Relationships

- Colossians 3:13
- **bearing** with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, **forgiving** each other; as Christ has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

3. Your Attitudes And Relationships

“bearing” and “forgiving”

Present continuous tense meaning

- activities at the moment of speaking
- future plans or arrangements
- something which is happening before and after a specific time
- something which is new and contrasts with a previous state
- something which is changing, growing or developing
- something which happens again and again

3. Your Attitudes And Relationships

- **A. Bearing**

- a. to hold up

- b. to sustain, to bear, to endure

- 1 Cor 4:12 - And labour, working with our own hands:
being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we **suffer** it:

3. Your Attitudes And Relationships

- **B. Forgiving**

- a. to do something pleasant or agreeable, to do a favour; to give graciously, give freely, bestow
- b. graciously to restore one to another; to preserve for one a person in peril ; to grant forgiveness, to pardon
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4. Your Love

- **Colossionas 3:14**

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4. Your Love

- “...and above all these put on love” - same word ‘agape’ - since we are ‘beloved’ we must wear it and display it. If we do not put on love means we are wearing something else - pride, or selfishness, or any other unholy thing. This means we would not be the type of people God has asked us to be, and means we are not beloved, we have yet to receive that sweet love with which God loves his own children. We can only give what we receive. No love means no harmony.

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- **Ephesians 4:1-6**

- As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely **humble** and **gentle**; be **patient, bearing** with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

5. Conclusion

We put on the breastplate of righteousness daily because we must be humble daily, loving daily, kind daily, patient daily, and every day we are still God's chosen person, every day we are God's holy person, and every day we are God's beloved person, and so every day we must bear with one another and forgive one another – just as God does the same to us.

His patience for us daily, His kindness is daily, His love is daily and His forgiveness is daily too. Don't allow the enemy in at all.

Reflection Questions

1. Who do I need to forgive?
2. Who needs to forgive me?