

ARMOR OF GOD

MESSAGE 3



The Breastplate of Righteousness

“...having put on the breastplate of righteousness.”
(Eph. 6:14b, NASB)

TWO ASPECTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

1) Right _____ with _____ -- Our _____

- Our own righteousness _____.
“...and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.”
(Isa. 64:6, NASB)
- It takes _____ righteousness to be able to _____ before a _____.
“For I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:20)
- Jesus _____ on the cross so He could _____ us _____ perfect righteousness.
“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”
(2 Cor. 5:21, NASB)
- Through _____, we can _____ Jesus’ _____ of righteousness which gives us _____ with God from then on.

“The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe....” (Rom. 3:22a)

“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 8:1)

“...[that I may] be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith.” (Phil. 3:9)

“He saved us -- not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy....” (Titus 3:5-7)

Eph. 2:8-9

2) Right _____ -- Our _____

- Our _____ (Eph. 1-3) is the _____ for our _____ (Eph. 4-6).

“Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, urge you to live worthy of the calling you have received....” (Eph. 4:1)

“...to take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.”
(Eph. 4:22-24)

“Pay careful attention, then, to how you live....” (Eph. 5:15)

- Living righteously means _____ the righteousness we _____ in Jesus.
- Those who are _____ living it out may be giving evidence that they _____!
- It applies to _____ than just our _____.
- It requires _____ from other _____ and most importantly the _____ of _____.

Eph. 4:15-16, 5:18-21, 6:10, 3:20