



THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

“STAND THEREFORE... HAVING PUT ON
THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

EPHESIANS 6:14b

BIG IDEA

Since Jesus' work brought me into right relationship with God,
I will put on the breastplate of righteousness and live each day in a way that honors him.

WHAT KIND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- Imputed (positionally) righteousness = Jesus' life credited to me.
- Practical righteousness = Personally living in obedience to God's Word.
- Practical righteousness is NOT self-righteousness.
- Practical righteousness is putting feet to my positional righteousness.

“God Himself puts on our imputed righteousness, but we must put on our practical righteousness.” - **John MacArthur**

“To *put on the breastplate of righteousness* is to live in daily, moment-by-moment obedience to our heavenly Father. This part of God's armor is holy living, for which God supplies the standard and the power but for which we must supply the willingness.” - **John MacArthur**

KNOW YOUR ARMOR

Q: What does a breastplate protect?

A: The heart (thoughts - Prov. 23:7) and bowels (emotions).

CLUES ABOUT THE ENEMY'S ATTACK

- He will attack your thoughts.
- He will attack your emotions and affections.
- His attacks are deceptive because they are distortions of the truth.

“We should not give Satan handles to grasp easily.” - **James Montgomery Boice**

PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- I will feast my mind on holiness.
- I will set my affections on what is right and trust Jesus to supply my needs.
- I will remember that my righteousness is a gift and the Holy Spirit is my Helper.