

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14b

1. A ______ Righteousness

We cannot develop our own righteousness, but must receive it from the LORD. He provides us His righteousness, imputes it to us so that we can be covered. It is the impostor who is not clothed from on high.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:21

2. A ______ Righteousness

We expose our heart to the wickedness of this world when we remove the protecting righteousness of Christ. It is Christ's righteousness that safeguards the Christian and protects us from the world's incursion.

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe." ~ Luke 11:21

3. A _______ Righteousness

You are identified in the world according to the display of righteousness you possess. How you present yourself will ultimately expose you to the eyes of all who are around.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:16

Revelation 19:7-8

"Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.



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Additional Scripture References

(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Romans 10:3-4

For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Matthew 22:11

"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment."

Philippians 3:9

...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

Proverbs 13:6

 ${\it Righteousness\ guards\ him\ whose\ way\ is\ blameless,\ but\ sin\ overthrows\ the\ wicked.}$

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

James 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

1 Timothy 5:25

So also good works are conspicuous, and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

Ephesians 4:24

...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.