

7-23-2023 - Wk3 - You're Not Bullet Proof! - SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Notes:

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....

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

Breastplate: protection for vital organs

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Righteousness defined:

1)"right-living," 2) meeting a standard 3) passing inspection

Righteousness guards the most vital parts of your life!

Proverbs 13:6: 6 Righteousness guards the person of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.

The opposite of righteousness = unrighteousness = wrong-ness = rotten-ness!

Unrighteousness INVITES the Enemy.

The Enemy's INVASION is always started by an INVITATION!

3 things to understand about "RIGHTEOUSNESS:"

#1 - Righteousness can be faked, but God, nor the Enemy, is fooled. "There is none righteous, not even one." --Proverbs 3:10

Righteousness is HIS goal for YOUR life!

His breastplate of righteousness isn't to help you manage your sin.

#2 Righteousness is EMBRACED, not earned.

Incorrect Theology & Correct Theology:

INCORRECT: We can try to do better, BECOME good.

CORRECT: God makes us righteous. A gift from God.

Righteousness is IMPUTED, then it is IMPARTED.

IMPUTED = "justification"- just as if you'd never sinned.

2 Corinthians 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness....

3 parts to who you are:

Your body = the flesh

Your soul = tainted by sin

Your spirit = mind, will, and emotions (heart)

IMPARTED: working out what's been placed in you.

#3 - Righteousness transforms us from the inside out!

Ephesians 4:20–24

20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!

21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,

22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,

23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

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

Whatever you feed... grows. Whatever you starve... dies. Feed your spirit righteousness, and it will grow! Protect it with the breastplate and you'll be battle ready!