

Righteousness

God's Breastplate

Feeling in your ***Emotions***
that God is ***Pleased*** with you.

Style of writing!

I love bullet points!

Don't talk me to death.

Give me your bottom line first and then make your explanation brief.
That is why:

- My table of contents gives the main subjects!
- The Intro. briefly answers each question in the booklet.
- The chapters are brief studies, filling in each point.

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1. Does my relationship with my earthly Father affect how I view God?

Absolutely! May I share my personal story?

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It is the perfect description of how a “Breast – PLATE” can be soft, tender and heal our emotions.

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More than I ever imagined 40 years ago.

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Chap. 1

**Does my relationship with my earthly Father
affect how I view God?**

Absolutely! May I share my personal story?

My dad was a rage-aholic.

I was beaten with a board that broke bones because I did not shut the door quietly enough.

I remember being stripped naked and beaten with a large belt while my mom and siblings were required to watch many times, because I walked too loudly across the floor or did not eat quietly enough.

He once tried to throw me off a roof because I accidentally interrupted him.

Many times, my dad would beat me, and I had no idea what I did wrong. He would simply tell me that he was sick of me and would grab his belt to beat me.

The more my dad beat me, the harder I tried to please him.

I never disobeyed my dad. Yet I was beaten badly almost every week of my childhood.

For the first 20 years of my life, I never relaxed in his presence for even 10 seconds.

I was terrified all the time.

With this picture of an earthly father, I found it almost impossible to believe that my heavenly Father was pleased with me.

Why is the Greek word “ENDUO” so Important?

I gave my life to Jesus in 1979.

Although I loved Jesus with every ounce of my being, I constantly felt that God must be angry and displeased with me. I simply could not picture a “Father” being pleased with me.

In the early 1980s I began an in-depth study of the Armor of God in Ephesians 6.

The breastplate is the piece that God designed to guard our hearts. It is the most emotional piece of armor.

“In place” = “Enduo”

*...with the breastplate of righteousness **in place** Eph. 6:14*

The breastplate shelters our emotions.

After years of study, I saw that this free gift of Righteousness means that God being **PLEASED** with me was a gift!

The word “**Enduo**” is a unique word.

It means that this Breast **PLATE**

***Enduo = sinks gently inside of us
until it fits perfectly
as the CENTER of our identity.***

Why do I have to pray this OUT LOUD?

My dad almost never used my name. He would call me “Worthless”, “Useless” and “Manure for Brains” – except that he didn’t use the word “Manure”.

Even though I was a straight A student, I believed that I was “Worthless”, “Useless” and “Manure for Brains.”

God’s Word says that the free gift of Righteousness means that my Father is **PLEASED** with me, **DELIGHTS** in me, **APPROVES** of me, **ACCEPTS** me and places his **QUIET, PEACEFUL CONFIDENCE** inside of me.

*Is. 32:17 And this **Righteousness** will bring **Peace**.
Yes, it will bring **Quietness** and **Confidence** forever.*

*Prov. 3:11 As a **Father** the son he **DELIGHTS***

*Rom. 15:7 **Christ** has **ACCEPTED** you.*

For **TEN long** years I almost **vomited** many times in trying to say God’s truths about myself out loud.

Almost every time, I felt like I was choking and could hardly breathe. There are no words to describe how hard it was for me to say these words out loud.

When I tried to say these words **OUT LOUD**, my internal emotions would **SCREAM** at me and call me a “**LIAR**”!

Each time I prayed these truths out loud, I felt like one more chain was broken off my soul, and I felt a bit lighter.

It got less hard each year, but it took ten years before I could **EASILY** say these truths and **FEEL** them.

*Ro. 10:10 with the **mouth**
confession is made unto **salvation**.*

What do I say out loud?

The book of Romans is considered by many to be the greatest and most important book in the Bible. It is the ultimate explanation of this contract we call “Salvation”

Some version of the word “Righteous” is used **SIXTY-FIVE** times in the 16 chapters of Romans.

Understanding the contract of salvation is what gave me the strength to say these words each day.

Here is what I would say:

*“Jesus I live **ONLY** for you!
I **TRUST** you to live **through** me by:
your Living **Word**,
your Daily Cleansing **Blood**,
your powerful **Holy Spirit** &
your daily **Grace**.*

*Because of your death & resurrection
and you living through me,
I **RECEIVE** today your **Righteousness**
sunk deep inside me until it
fits perfectly at the **center** of my **identity**.*

*Through this gift of Righteousness, I receive your
Quiet, Peaceful, Confidence.*

*I receive a **Heart at Rest**
in your **presence** as a **secure son**.”*

*Please fill my Emotional Cup with your
Acceptance, Approval, Delight & Pleasure in me*

The truths of God’s Word gave me the strength to say these words despite what my emotions said.

What other benefits do I get from Righteousness?

Over 40 years of daily receiving the free gift of God's Righteousness, I have received two other wonderful benefits.

1. **Freedom** from **Trying** too hard to **Please** Others!

God's free gift of Righteousness gives me a heart to **BLESS** everyone **AS** the **Lord Leads** me. I truly have become the quiet, peaceful, confident son of the King that Is. 32:17 promises.

I desire to bless everyone, but I have learned to only **INVEST** myself in hungry people who want to change.

2. The **Longer** I prayed the **Easier** it becomes to **Obey** Jesus!

Peter promises that this gift of Righteousness gives us the very **NATURE** of God pouring through us. I **WANT** to obey and live only for Jesus the more I pray this prayer.

*II Peter 1:1, 4 To those who through the
Righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ
have received a faith as precious as ours... you may
Participate in the **Divine Nature** and escape the
corruption in the world caused by evil desires*

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