

# **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, & 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**.*

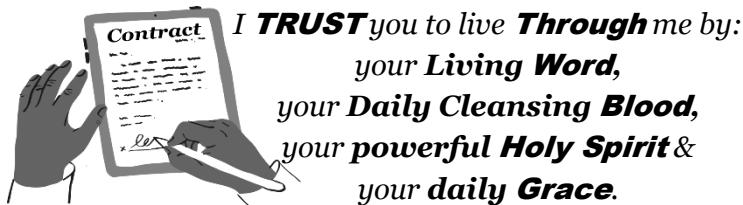


## What do I say out loud?

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!"



### **Full Benefits**

**POWER WORDS**

*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.***

**POWER WORDS**

*I receive a **Heart at Rest**  
 in your **Presence** as a **SECURE SON.**"*

*I Claim an **Emotional Cup FILLED** with your  
**Acceptance, Approval, Delight & Pleasure** inside me*

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



## Chap. 5

**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*

*easier*



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