

*The Breastplate of
Righteousness*

Armor
Up!

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The Solid Rock

“On Christ the solid Rock,
I stand;
All other ground is sinking
sand.”

My hope is built on
nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and
righteousness;



The Solid Rock

*2.) When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil*

*3.) His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay*

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand!

The Breastplate of Righteousness

- **Ephesians 6:14 (NIV) — 14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,
- The Breastplate Of Righteousness *Protects Us From Lethal Attacks & Pot-shots Of Our Adversary*
- The Heart Is Essential *It Must Be Protected At All Costs.*

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- Righteousness Is Both Powerful And Effective
- Satan's Blows Are Blunted By Christ's Righteousness...
- Satan Cannot Accuse And Oppose When We Are Outfitted In The Righteous Of Christ

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A Roman Soldier Wore A Large Breastplate To Provide Front-to-Back Protection And Coverage For His Heart And Bowels

- *The Heart Represented The Mind = What We Think*
- *The Bowels Represented The Emotions = What We Feel*
- *Satan Frequently Attacks = The Mind And Emotions*

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Satan will tempt us to think wrong thoughts and to follow wrong emotions.

Satan will use confusion to warp our thinking and feelings

Satan attacks our hearts to strip the truth from our minds

He can **cause us to think about things the wrong way** He can get us out of the fight, all by changing how we think and feel.

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Satan Tries To Confuse Our Emotions Making Us Fearful

- He Tries To Fill Our Minds With Doubt
- But Don't Fret – Armor Up!!
- God Has Provided Us With Perfect Protection --
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What Is Righteousness?

- Righteousness = The "Character Or Quality Of Being
“Right Or Just” = Measuring Up To The Standard
- *“The Righteousness Of God Is: All That God Is, All That He Commands, All That He Demands, All That He Approves And All That He Provides”*

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Our Own Righteousness Is Sadly Lacking

Our Own Righteousness Will Not Cut It

- Matthew 5:20 (NIV) — 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- ***The Pharisees Were “Right” -- But They Were Not Righteous***

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**Righteousness Doesn't Come From Righteous Actions --
It Comes From A Righteous Heart**

- If Your Heart Isn't Clean -- You Will Never Be Righteous
- Confidence In Our Own Righteousness is Misplaced Confidence

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There Is No Way To Make Ourselves Righteous

- We Can Never Work (Or Act) Ourselves Into A Right Relationship With God... Sin Will Always Block The Way
- **Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) — 2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear

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- **Our Own Righteousness Will Not Cut It**
- **Romans 3:23 (NIV) — 23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- **There Is A Righteousness That Comes From God**
- **Philippians 3:9 (NIV) — 9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

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Romans 3:21–22 (NIV) — 21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**
There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

- ***To Be Made Righteous is To Be In That Place of Right Standing With God***
- Through the Cleansing Is Blood -- We Receive A Righteousness On The Inside Through What God Has Done
- READ: Romans 3:21–26

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Romans 5:8 (NIV) — 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

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Christ's Blood Has Justified Us

- Romans 5:9 (NIV) — 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

The Blood Of Jesus That Purifies Us From All Sin

- 1 John 1:7 (NIV) — 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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Jesus Paid The Price For Our Sin With His Blood...

- We Are Righteous --"Not Guilty" No Matter What Satan Says

Righteousness In Practice:

- **Romans 6:15–16 (NIV) — 15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! **16** Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

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Righteous Acts And Actions -- Prove Righteous Hearts

- Romans 6:19b (NIV) — 19 ... Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

Our New Self Is Created To Be Like God In True Righteousness and Holiness

- Ephesians 4:24 (NIV) — 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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We Need To Do What God's Word Tells Us To Do

1. Set Our Hearts On Things Above Not on Earthly Things

Colossians 3:1–2

2. Stop Worrying... And Go To God Philippians 4:6

3. Think Right & Get Righteous Results Philippians 4:8

With the Righteousness Of God in our Lives =

Our Thoughts and Feelings are Protected in Christ

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Putting On The Breastplate Of Righteousness

- **“Put it on”** = literally to clothe or dress someone and to put on as a garment, to cause to get into a garment
- **“Put on Jesus Christ** when you get up in the morning. Make Him a part of your life that day. Intend that He go with you everywhere you go, and that He act through you in everything you do. Call upon His resources Live your life in Christ.” – R. Stedman

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We Have A Right Standing With God Because Of What Jesus Did For Us At Calvary

- The Blood Of Jesus Has Spiritually Washed Us Clean!
- *Nothing Satan Can Do Will Rob Us Of That*
- *Satan Was Defeated He Loses The Basis For His Accusations*
- *We Are Outfitted With The Breastplate Of Righteousness*