

Armor of God

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Stand therefore...having put on the breastplate of righteousness —Ephesians 6:14

MAIN IDEAS: GUARD YOUR HEART

1. The definition of RIGHTEOUSNESS - Acting in accord with divine or moral law; free from guilt or sin, right standing before God
2. The importance of RIGHTEOUSNESS
3. The reality of RIGHTEOUSNESS
4. The application of RIGHTEOUSNESS
 - a. Accept the gift
 - b. Confess your sins
 - c. Live the life

What does the heart symbolize? Consider Proverbs 4:23, Luke 6:45, Psalm 19:14, Psalm 32:11.

How does sin affect our ability to live rightly before God? Consider Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 3:10,20.

Why are salvation and righteousness connected? Consider Psalm 15:1-2, Matthew 25:46.

What does “imputation” mean and how does it allow us into God’s presence? Consider 1 Peter 3:18, Romans 10:4.

How do we obtain this righteousness? Consider Philippians 3:9 and Romans 4:3-5.

How does understanding the reality of righteousness allow us to stand against the enemy? Consider Romans 8:1.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Does making mistakes or committing a sin change our right standing before God?

Why do we often try to earn our righteousness? Is this an attack of the enemy, a wrong thought due to sin, or both?

How do we initially accept the gift of righteousness? How do we live in righteousness daily?

What role does confession play in our life of righteousness?

Choose a verse from the sermon or study and meditate on it this week.

Pray:

- Thank God for the free gift of righteousness given to us by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
- Ask for an understanding of what righteousness is and whose righteousness we have before God.
- Ask for the ability to walk in righteousness before God and not try to earn it.

Walk in the righteousness Christ already won for us this week.

REPRODUCE

Share the gospel, it is the way of salvation. You can start by sharing your testimony.

Confess to a brother or sister in Christ the ways you may have tried to earn righteousness rather than accept God's free gift, James 5:16.

Consider how you can encourage someone to walk in righteousness and make wise choices to honor and glorify God as a response to His amazing gift, Ephesians 5:1-2

KEY VERSES

From the sermon:

- Ephesians 6:14-18
- Proverbs 4:23
- Psalm 15:1-2
- Matthew 25:46
- Romans 3:10, 20
- Isaiah 64:6
- 1 Peter 3:18
- Romans 10:4
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Philippians 3:9
- Titus 3:5
- Romans 6:23
- Isaiah 1:18
- 1 John 1:9
- Colossians 1:10
- Romans 8:1

From the study:

- Luke 6:45
- Psalm 19:14
- Psalm 32:11
- James 5:16
- Ephesians 5:1-2