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Why the Whole Armor of God is needed
Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

The Armor of God

Belt of Truth – *John 14:6*

**Breastplate of
Righteousness**

Shoes of Readiness

**Shield of Faith
Helmet of Salvation**

Sword of the Spirit

**Praying at all times
Keep alert**

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

What is the Breastplate of Righteousness = Christian justification through salvation that leads to biblical character and actions.

Psalms 119:144

144 Your [God's] testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

Proverbs 12:28

28 In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Romans 3:21-22

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

1 Corinthians 1:30

30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Philippians 3:8-11

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

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Righteousness is from God because of our saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

How to live the Armor of God: The Breatplate of Righteousness
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Proverbs 12:26

26 One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Isaiah 59:17 God Overcomes Evil and Oppression through Judgment and Redemption

17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Jeremiah 22:3

3 Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

Guideline **Matthew 6:1**

1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

Guideline **Romans 1:17**

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 6:13

13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Romans 6:15-23 Slaves to Righteousness

15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A TRUTH The righteousness we get from God through faith in Jesus Christ should lead us to be slaves to righteousness which leads to sanctification = all that God does in us and through us to create us into the image of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 2:22

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 John 3:7

7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Evidence of Righteousness **1 John 3:10**

10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

2 Peter 2:21-22

21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

SALVATION:

Psalms 24:5

5 He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Proverbs 10:2

2 Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 11:4

4 Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.

MISSION: Bring God glory and make disciples.

RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST is an important aspect to why we exist.

Gospel-Centered Based on this what can we do to become more like Jesus?

WORSHIP Thank God for the obedience to follow His righteous teachings. **Romans 6:17**

COMMUNITY Practice righteousness in an increasing measure. **1 John 3:10**

SERVICE Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness. **2 Timothy 2:22**

MULTIPLICATION Guide our neighbors in the ways of the Messiah with truth and deeds.

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BIBLE VERSES RELATED TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Psa 1:2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psa 1:3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Psa 1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Psa 1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

Psa 1:6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

The Righteous Will Never Be Moved

Psa 112:1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!

Psa 112:2 His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Psa 112:3 Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Psa 112:4 Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Psa 112:5 It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

Psa 112:6 For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

Psa 112:7 He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

Psa 112:8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

Psa 112:9 He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

Psa 112:10 The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

God's Righteousness Upheld

Rom 3:1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?

Rom 3:2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God.

Rom 3:3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

Rom 3:4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged."

Rom 3:5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

Rom 3:6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world?

Rom 3:7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?

Rom 3:8 And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.

No One Is Righteous

Rom 3:9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

Rom 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;

Rom 3:11 no one understands; no one seeks for God.

Rom 3:12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Rom 3:13 "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips."

Rom 3:14 "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."

Rom 3:15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

Rom 3:16 in their paths are ruin and misery,

Rom 3:17 and the way of peace they have not known."

Rom 3:18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Rom 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

Rom 3:20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Rom 3:22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 3:24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Rom 3:25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Rom 3:26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Rom 3:27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Rom 3:28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Rom 3:29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

Rom 3:30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Rom 3:31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

Php 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you.

Php 3:2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh.

Php 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Php 3:4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Php 3:5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

Php 3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Php 3:7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

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OTHER RESOURCES

Sharing the Truth Tips

When revealing the Biblical truth to someone **ask questions and give them the opportunity to wrestle with their relationship with Jesus.**

It is the Holy Spirit who gives Christians the proper heart, mind, soul and strength to share the Biblical truth in a way that will hopefully result in salvation and sanctification for the hearer.

Ask questions, encourage others to ask questions. Everyone is three good questions away from sharing what is really going on in their heart, mind and soul.

VIDEOS:

YOUTUBE: Alistair Begg – Breastplate of Righteousness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTnp2wLHPjo>

YOUTUBE: John MacArthur - The Armor of God: The Belt of Truthfulness and the Breastplate of Righteousness (Ephesians 6:14)

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