

Gear Up!
The Breastplate of Righteousness
Ephesians 6:10-18

Question: Do you ever have times where you feel like you are a **screw-up**?

Paul's Command: We are to put on the breastplate of righteousness.

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, **with the breastplate of righteousness in place...**” Ephesians 6:14

- Does this refer to righteousness as our “**doing the right thing**”?
- Does this refer to righteousness as what **Jesus has done** by paying the price for our sins and applying his righteousness to us?
- Paul's primary emphasis is not our righteousness but that of **Jesus**.

The Attack: Part of Satan's strategy is to get us to **question** the righteousness that we have in Jesus.

“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: ‘Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. **For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night**, has been hurled down.’” Revelation 12:10

- Satan **accuses us** of being a screw-up.
- Satan wants us to then question whether we are **loved** and **accepted** by God.
- When we **agree** with his accusations, we become joyless and impotent.

Resisting the Attack:

- We need to simply **remember** that Jesus' righteousness is protecting us and that we are loved and accepted by God as we are.

“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 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 and is by faith.” Philippians 3:8-9

- We need to simply **resist** the lie of Satan that we are not worthy.