Message Outline



Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14b

I. Introduction

II. Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14 (CSB)

14 Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest.

"The breastplate of righteousness" (NIV or ESV)

- **Two Passages on “Righteousness” in Ephesians**

1. Ephesians 4:20-24 (CSB)

20 But that is not how you came to know Christ, 21 assuming you heard about him and were taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus, 22 to take off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires, 23 to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and to put on the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

2. Ephesians 5:8-11 (CSB)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light - 9 for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth - 10 testing what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Don’t participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them.

“If we say, ‘We have fellowship with him,’ and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth.” (1John 1:6, CSB)

“If we say, ‘We have no sin,’ we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1John 1:8-9, CSB)

“God, I thank you that I'm not like other people - greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.” (Luke 18:11b-12, CSB)

“God, have mercy on me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13b, CSB)

“I tell you, this one went down to his house justified rather than the other.” (Luke 18:14a, CSB)

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