The Believers Battle pt. 7 Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NASB)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and <u>HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS</u>, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE:

in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one.* And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Protect the heart

1. The breastplate ______ the _____.

2. A strong ______, a strong arm, a strong ______, a strong

_____, a strong will, and a strong ______.

How do you protect the heart?

3. Put on the breastplate of ______:

Ephesians 6:14 (NIV) Stand firm then..... with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God <u>in Him</u>.

Romans 8:1 (NASB) Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NASB) ... in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:31 (NASB) ... in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

2 Corinthians 1:21 (NASB)establishes us with you in Christ...

2 Corinthians 2:17 (NASB) ...we speak in Christ...

Rom.6:11 (NASB) Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NASB) Jesus Christ is in you.

Colossians 1:27 (NASB) to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

4. Putting on Christ's righteousness means that we gain a full

and ______ of our new ______ in Christ.

Lost/found Dead/alive Object of wrath/child of God Poor/rich

Charles Spurgeon

If you are in Christ, poverty can't starve you, sickness can't kill you, toil can't wear you out, death can't slay you, and hell can't touch you.

How Satan attacks the heart.

5.	Satan	attacks th	e heart with	1	

6. Satan ______ and _____.

God wouldn't forgive you; your sin is too big. God wouldn't embrace you, you sin too much. God wouldn't take you. What makes you think you are worthy? God doesn't love you, you hardly love Him. God doesn't want you, haven't you looked at your life?

7. Satan ______ and ______.

Loser No good Sinner Lost unlovable unwanted unneeded

8. God has never promised to fill a person's ______. The promise is

that He will fill their ______, and our ______ in _____ is the only thing that can fill it.

Small Group Questions

Why did Paul use the breastplate to explain righteousness?
What does it mean: "saved by Christ's righteousness?" explain how.
What are some examples of Satan's schemes?
What are some of the schemes I personally fight?
How do I stand firm in those schemes?
How does Christ's righteousness protect me from guilt, discouragement, and worry?
What is the only way your heart can be filled?