

The Believer's Battle pt. #8 **Breastplate of Righteousness (pt. 2)**

Ephesians 6:10-20 (NIV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

God wants more for you than you want for yourself!

Righteousness vs. sin

1. _____ is doing it the way you were _____

to do it before _____ entered the world.

2. When sin has penetrated a _____, 10 – 50 – 100 – 1000 – 1,000,000 or in a

few cases, billions _____.

Do not sin: why?

3. Sin promises the soul _____, pleasure, profit but pays the soul with

contempt, _____, and _____ loss.

Proverbs 13:34, 8:36, 18:4, Ezekiel 33:10; Jeremiah 5:25.

4. Sin _____ you, _____ you, then _____ you.
Proverbs 5:22; Romans 6:17, 7:14; Hebrews 12:1; Psalm 38:18; Hebrews 3:13.
5. Sin _____ in _____. **Genesis 4:7; James 1:15.**
6. Sin gives Satan a _____ to _____ us and to lay _____ to us.
Ephesians 4:26-27.
7. Sin casts a _____ on the soul that makes one call evil _____,
 and good _____. Righteousness _____ our eyes. **Isaiah 5:20.**

How do you put on the breastplate of righteousness?

8. _____: it is the _____ of the soul.
9. _____ Christ: it is the _____ of the soul.
10. _____: it is the _____ of the soul.
11. The angels find it their “_____” to be _____
 to _____. Do we?

Small group questions:

- What is righteousness?
- Is sin naturally deadly, why? Give examples.
- Is righteousness naturally healthy, why? Give examples.
- Give a personal example of the natural destruction of sin.
- Give a personal example of the natural blessing of righteousness.

