

122 - Having Put On the Breastplate of Righteousness - Ephesians 6:14b - 2017-01-01

Call to Worship: Isaiah 61:10a

Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:1-21

Sermon: "Having Put On the Breastplate of Righteousness" Ephesians 6:14b

Benediction: Isaiah 61:11

Isaiah 61:11 As the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

## INTRODUCTION

In order to stand against all the wiles of the devil, we must be strengthened in the Lord, in the power of His might, putting on all the graces of Christ, as all the parts of the armor of God.

The first of these graces taught us in Ephesians chapter 6 we studied last week: Stand against the wiles of the devil girded about the loins with truth.

No longer

being deceived by your lusts into doing those evil things,  
which then you want to keep hidden because they are evil;

but instead

knowing the truth about what the will of God is, and  
repenting, so as  
to act openly according to that truth, as does our Lord Jesus Christ

No longer

being deceived by false teachers into believing wrongly

but instead

knowing the truth about the law of God and the gospel, and  
believing in our Lord Jesus Christ in all truth.

Today the second of these graces of Jesus Christ, which we put on, to be strengthened in the Lord to stand against the devil's schemes: we stand having put on the breastplate of righteousness.

TEXT

## Ephesians 6:10-14b

### BODY

#### I. Righteousness Defined

- A. G1343 *dikaiousune* from G1342 *dikaios* righteous from G1349 *dike* justice, right (n)
- B. from the dictionary
  1. righteous: accordant to the divine law
  2. righteousness: conformity of heart and life to the divine law
- C. from the context in Ephesians
  1. Ephesians 6:1-2a Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is **right[eous]**. (2) "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,"
  2. Eph 4:17-28
    - a) what righteousness is not
      - (1) verse 19 lewdness, all uncleanness with greediness
      - (2) verse 22 lying
      - (3) verse 26 sin in anger
      - (4) verse 28 stealing
      - (5) verse 29 corrupt speech
    - b) what righteousness is
      - (1) verse 25 putting away lying, speaking the truth
      - (2) verse 26 not sinning in anger
      - (3) verse 28 putting away stealing, to work
      - (4) verse 29 putting away corrupt speech, to speak what is good
  3. Eph 5:5-11
    - a) verse 5
      - (1) fornication
      - (2) uncleanness
      - (3) covetousness
      - (4) idolatry
    - b) verse 10
      - (1) finding out/proving what is acceptable to the Lord
- D. from another place in the bible where the context gives the definition very clearly
  1. note this is the NT quoting the OT
  2. Hebrews 1:8-9 But to the Son He says: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. (9) YOU HAVE LOVED

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS."

- a) ESV, others "wickedness"
  - b) Greek *anomia* literally lawlessness
  3. Messiah, Christ, sitting on His throne, is said to have righteousness as the scepter of His kingdom, because He loves righteousness and hates lawlessness
- E. Righteousness: accordance to God's law; conformity to God's law; keeping of God's law
1. for a person to love God with all his heart, mind, soul, and strength; and to love his neighbor as himself, that is righteousness
  2. for a person
    - a) to have no other Gods before Yahweh
    - b) not to make forhimself any likeness to bow down to or serve
    - c) not to take the name of the Lord in vain
    - d) to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy
    - e) to honor his father and his mother
    - f) not to murder
    - g) not to commit adultery
    - h) not to steal
    - i) not to bear false witness
    - j) not to covet anything that belongs to his neighborthat is righteousness
  3. Christ on His throne loves righteousness; He loves the keeping of God's perfect law; He hates any lawlessness

## II. Righteousness As Imputed

### A. Jesus Christ fulfilled all righteousness

1. He loved always, as God commands; He obeyed all the commandments, not only outwardly, but inwardly
2. He also took the punishment for lawbreakers upon Himself on the cross, dying the death that the unrighteous deserved

### B. Now, any one who believes in Jesus Christ, who trusts in Him, who has faith in Him, has this righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to Him

1. it is not in the person, but on him, covering him as a garment
2. it is not native to the person, but alien to him
3. as to accounting or bookkeeping, righteousness is credited to his account
4. as to legal judgment, he is judged as having righteousness

- C. God counting a person righteous by imputing the righteousness of Christ to Him through faith is called “justification”
- D. 1689 chapter 11 paragraph 1
1. Those whom God effectually calleth, he also freely justifieth, not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing Christ's active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in his death for their whole and sole righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.
- E. When Paul writes to the Ephesians of putting on the whole armor of God, he writes to those already having righteousness as imputed; already justified; already clothed in the righteousness of Christ through faith
- F. But I do not take this to be what he means by “having put on the breastplate of righteousness” Here’s why:
1. this list of graces, called here the whole armor of God, is not a list of things that we do not actually have worked in us by the Spirit, but only counted for us through faith
    - a) no truth in us, no acting according to truth, just the truth of Jesus Christ counted for us?
    - b) no actual faith in us, just the faith of Jesus Christ counted for us?
  2. other such lists by Paul?
    - a) 2 Corinthians 6:3-7 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. (4) But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, (5) in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; (6) by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, (7) by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the **armor of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,
      - (1) no actual patience?
      - (2) no actual purity?
      - (3) no actual kindness?
      - (4) not actual love?
      - (5) just imputed?
    - b) 1 Timothy 6:11-12 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue **righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

(12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

(1) love?

(2) patience?

(3) gentleness?

### III. Righteousness As Imparted or Infused

- A. By righteousness here the apostle means the righteousness of Jesus Christ imparted to the Christian, infused into the Christian by the work of the Holy Spirit in him (in us!)
- B. In regeneration, He makes us delight in the law of God in the inner man.
- C. In illumination, He makes us understand the commands of Christ.
- D. In mortification, He is the power by which the flesh is put to death, that we may live in obedience to our Master, in righteousness, doing such things as honoring our father and mother, which we do because it is righteous

### IV. The Breastplate of Righteousness Defined

- A. The constant endeavor, by the Christian, to know and obey the will of God, as expressed in His perfect law. The lifestyle of obedience to the commands of Jesus Christ. The mindset of evaluating what you think, say, and do, by the divine law of love, as set forth in the Ten Commandments and more broadly in the whole bible.
- B. So, judge in your conscience that the thing to do is to set yourself to knowing and doing what is right according to the law of God, the commands of Christ; then determine in your will to do whatever is righteous, and not to do whatever is lawless
- C. Think of this Christian now arrayed in truth and righteousness

### V. APPLICATION

- A. the man or woman placed in a blessed position by the grace of God, but is not going to put on the breastplate of righteousness
  - 1. Ephesians 4:2-3 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, (3) endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. NOPE
  - 2. Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," for we are members of one another. NOPE
  - 3. Ephesians 4:26 "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, NOPE

4. Ephesians 4:28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. NOPE
  5. Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. NOPE
  6. Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. (32) And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. NOPE
  7. Ephesians 5:3-4 But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; (4) neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. NOPE
  8. Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, NOPE
  9. Ephesians 5:19-20 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, (20) giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, NOPE
  10. Ephesians 5:21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.
    - a) wives to husbands NOPE
    - b) children to parents NOPE
    - c) servants to masters NOPE
  11. Ephesians 5:28-29 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. NOPE
  12. Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. NOPE
  13. Ephesians 6:9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him. NOPE
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- C. Think of a whole house full of such people; think of this church full of such people

## CONCLUSION

Ephesians 6:10-14b Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

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

(12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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. (14) Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,



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Isaiah 59:16-21 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. (17) For He put on **righteousness as a breastplate**, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak. (18) According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay. (19) So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. (20) "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD. (21) "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

2 Corinthians 6:3-7 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. (4) But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, (5) in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; (6) by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, (7) by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the **armor of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,

1 Timothy 6:6-12 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. (7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (8) And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. (9) But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. (10) For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (11) But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue **righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 John 3:7

Proverbs 10:2

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Ephesians 4:22-24 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, (23) and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, (24) and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true **righteousness** and holiness.

Ephesians 5:5-11 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. (6) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. (7) Therefore do not be partakers with them. (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 Spirit is in all goodness, **righteousness**, and truth), (10) finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. (11) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Romans 6:12-13 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (13) And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of **righteousness** to God.

Romans 6:19-20 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of **righteousness** for holiness. (20) For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to **righteousness**.

2 Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue **righteousness**, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Hebrews 1:8-9 But to the Son He says: "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. (9) YOU HAVE LOVED **RIGHTEOUSNESS** AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS."

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Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is **right**.

Romans 5:6-8 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (7) For scarcely for a **righteous** man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. (8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made **righteous**.

<b>Righteousness Imputed</b>	<b>Righteousness Imparted/Inherent</b>
Carroll: Of course this raises the question, “Whose righteousness--Christ’s as imputed, or the Christian’s own right doing?”	
Gill: not works of righteousness done by men, but rather the graces of faith and love, 1 Thess 5:8 . . . it seems best to understand this of the righteousness of Christ, which being imputed by God, and received by faith, is a guard against, and repels the accusations and charges of Satan, and is a security from all wrath and condemnation.	Calvin: Some imagine that this refers to a freely bestowed righteousness, or the imputation of righteousness, by which pardon of sin is obtained. But such matters ought not, I think, to have been mentioned on the present occasion; for the subject now under discussion is a blameless life. He enjoins us to be adorned, first, with integrity, and next with a devout and holy life.
Clarke: Here it may imply a consciousness of justification through the blood of the cross; the principle of righteousness or true holiness	Bayne: righteousness . . . imputed by faith . . . cannot be meant, for this is the shield of faith. I take the righteousness of the course

<p>implanted in the heart; <b>and</b> a holy life, a life regulated according to the testimonies of God.</p>	<p>and conversation here principally intended.</p>
<p>Hodge: Many say it is our own righteousness, integrity, or rectitude of mind. But this is no protection. It cannot resist the accusations of conscience, the whispers of despondency, the power of temptation, much less the severity of the law, or the assaults of Satan. What Paul desired for himself was not to have on his own righteousness, but the righteousness which is of God by faith; Phi_3:8, Phi_3:9. And this, doubtless, is the righteousness which he here urges believers to put on as a breastplate. It is an infinitely perfect righteousness, consisting in the obedience and sufferings of the Son of God, which satisfies all the demands of the divine law and justice; and which is a sure defense against all assaults whether from within or from without.</p>	<p>Trapp: Inherent righteousness, 1Jn_3:7, that insureth election, 2Pe_1:10. The use of a breastplate is to keep the vital parts from being mortally wounded, that a man be not stricken down without recovery; so doth righteousness the soul. "Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; but righteousness delivereth from death," Pro_10:2.</p>
	<p>Ferguson: not the imputed righteousness of Christ, which seemeth to be included under the buckler of faith, but the inherent righteousness of a holy conversation, whereby we are inclined, and do accordingly endeavour, to give both to God and man their due and right, according to both the tables of the commands</p>
<p>Eadie: when the justifying righteousness of Christ is assumed as a breastplate by sinners, they can defy the assaults of the tempter. To every insinuation that they are so vile, guilty, worthless, and perverse-so beset with sin and under such wrath that God will repulse them-they oppose the free and perfect righteousness of their Redeemer,</p>	<p>Poole: righteousness of conversation, consisting both in a resolvedness for good, and repentance for evil done, which is as a breastplate (that piece of armour which covers the whole breast and belly) to a Christian; that resolvedness against sin fencing him against temptation, and the conscience of well-doing against the accusations of men and devils: see 1Co_4:3,4 1Jo_3:7.</p>
<p>Carroll: Something may be said for the second, but more for the first. It is true that</p>	<p>JFB: in works . . . Christ's righteousness inwrought in us by the Spirit. "Faith and</p>

<p>right doing is a conscious defense against false charges. But the devil is not apt to confine himself to false charges. He will hurl the fiery dart of true charge against some weakness, infirmity and sin of the Christian. The imputed righteousness of Christ is impervious to any missile whatever.</p>	<p>love,” that is, faith working righteousness by love, are “the breastplate” in 1Th_5:8.</p>
	<p>Ellicott:          -the righteousness of Christ, realised in us          -the righteousness which is the result of the renovation of the heart by the Holy Spirit          Philippians 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;</p>
	<p>Barnes:          - integrity of life, and righteousness of character          -some defect of character will be sure to be the point of attack by the foe. So David . . . Peter . . . Judas          -a righteousness which God alone can give; the righteousness of God our Saviour</p>
	<p>MacLaren: That existent righteousness is to be put on. Other places of Scripture figure it as the robe of righteousness; here it is conceived of as the breastplate, but the idea of assumption is the same. It is to be put on, primarily, by faith. It is given in Christ to simple belief. He that hath faith thereby has the righteousness which is through faith in Christ, for in his faith he has the one formative principle of reliance on God, which will gradually refine character and mould conduct into whatsoever things are lovely and of good report. That righteousness which faith receives is no mere forensic treating of the unjust as just, but whilst it does bring with it pardon and oblivion from past transgressions, it makes a man in the depths of his being righteous, however slowly it may afterwards</p>

	transform his conduct. The faith which is a departure from all reliance on works of righteousness which we have done, and is a single-eyed reliance on the work of Jesus Christ, opens the heart in which it is planted to all the influences of that life which was in Jesus, that from Him it may be in us. If Christ be in us {and if He is not, we are none of His}, 'the spirit is life because of righteousness,' however the body may still be 'dead because of sin.'
	Spurgeon: A grand protection when God has given you to be holy, and when the principle which covers your heart and shields your members is righteousness.
	Hoehner: most regard it as sanctifying or subjective righteousness, which, of course, has its basis in justifying righteousness. In 4:24 and 5:9 it refers to righteous actions of the new person, a quality of life from which righteous actions spring.
	Vaughan: general sense of moral rectitude, meaning the believer's personal righteousness.

Gurnall:

evangelical righteousness - twofold

1. imputed righteousness, is that which is wrought by Christ for the believer
  - a. this belongs to the shield of faith
2. imparted righteousness, that which is wrought by Christ in the believer
  - a. It is a supernatural principle of a new life planted in the heart of every child of God by the powerful operation of the Holy Spirit, whereby they endeavour to approve themselves to God and man, in performing what the word of God requires to be performed to both.

Ferguson:

an honest fixed purpose and earnest endeavour to obey God in all his commands  
 conscientious practice of all comanded duties

EB:

the Christian righteousness is compounded of faith and love.

This attribute must be understood in its full Pauline meaning. It is the state of one who is right with God and with God's law. It is the righteousness both of standing and of character, of imputation and of impartation, which begins with justification and continues in the new, obedient life of the believer. These are never separate, in the true doctrine of grace. "The righteousness that is of God by faith" is the soul's main defence against the shafts of Satan. It wards off deadly blows, both from this side and from that. Does the enemy bring up against me my old sins? I can say: "It is God that justifieth; who is he that condemneth?" Am I tempted to presume on my forgiveness, and to fall into transgression once more? From this breastplate the arrow of temptation falls pointless, as it resounds: "He that doeth righteousness is righteous. He that is born of God doth not commit sin." The completeness of pardon for past offence and the integrity of character that belong to the justified life, are woven together in an impenetrable mail.

Bayne:

this righteousness hath these three branches

1. For the time past, a testimony excusing us, which is the testimony of a good conscience, 2 Cor 1:12
2. For the time to come, a purpose to avoid all evil, and to do that is good. Thus Paul and Barnabas exhorted the Antiochians "with purpose of heart to cleave unto the Lord."
3. In respect of our daily weakness, which doth dint and bruise this breastplate, there must be sorrow and humble confession of sin, with seeking pardon. This doth beat it forth again, and underline it, that it is as serviceable to us as ever.

Ellicott:

since "to put on the armour of light" is to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," it follows that the various parts of the defensive armour are the various parts of the image of the Lord Jesus Christ; hence they are properly His, and are through His gift appropriated by us. Thus the "righteousness" is clearly the righteousness of Christ, realised in us (comp. Php\_3:9); the sandals, which give firm footing, are the gospel of our peace in Him; the salvation is His salvation worked out in us. Only the sword is in no sense our own: it is the "Word of God" wielded by us, but in itself "living and powerful and sharp" (Heb\_4:12).

<b>Armor of God Eph 6</b>	<b>1 Thess 5:8</b>	<b>2 Cor 6:4-7 2 Cor 4:2</b>	<b>Fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22</b>	<b>1 Tim 6:11</b>	<b>1 Thess 1:3</b>
truth G225		word G3056 of truth G225  truth G225			
righteousness G1343		righteousness G1343		righteousness G1343	
preparation G2091 of the gospel G2098 of peace G1515			peace G1515		
faith G4102	faith G4102		faith G4102	faith G4102	faith G4102
salvation G4992	hope G1680 of salvation G4991				hope G1680
word G4487 of God G2316					
		knowledge G1108			
	self-controlled G3525		self-control G1466		
		longsuffering G3115	longsuffering G3115		
		patience G5281		patience G5281	patience G5281
				godliness G2150	
		kindness G5544			
	love G26	love G26	love G26	love G26	love G26
			joy G5479		
			gentleness G5544		
			goodness G19		



			meekness G4236	meekness G4236	
		pureness G54			