



THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE WORD “RIGHTEOUS” IS USED TWO WAYS IN SCRIPTURE

1. A STATUS ATTAINED BY _____ THROUGH _____.

There is no one righteous, not even one. Romans 3:10 (NIV)

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ... 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 (NIV)

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus... Galatians 3:26 (NIV)

2. A WAY OF LIFE _____ FAITH.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Genesis 6:9 (NIV)

... a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous... Luke 2:25a (NIV)

HOW THE BREASTPLATE PROTECTS THOSE WHO PUT IT ON

1. THE BREASTPLATE PROTECTS BY KEEPING ME _____.

Look carefully at your call, brothers and sisters. By human standards, not many of you are deemed to be wise. Not many are considered powerful. Not many of you come from royalty, right? ²⁹ So it makes no sense for any person to boast in.... ³⁰ Instead, credit God with your new situation: you are united with Jesus the Anointed. He is God's wisdom for us and more. He is our righteousness and holiness and redemption. ³¹ As the Scripture says: "If someone wants to boast, he should boast in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:26. 29-31 (VOICE)

"God resists you when you are proud but continually pours out grace when you are humble." James 4:7b (TPT)

2. THE BREASTPLATE PROTECTS BY KEEPING ME _____.

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:6 (NIV)

I pray that God will open your minds to see his truth. Then you will know the hope that he has chosen us to have. You will know that the blessings God has promised his holy people are rich and glorious. ¹⁹ And you will know that God's power is very great for us who believe. Ephesians 1:18, 19 (ERV)

3. THE BREASTPLATE PROTECTS BY KEEPING ME _____.

*You see, I am the least of all His emissaries, not fit to be called His emissary because I hunted down and persecuted God's church. ¹⁰ Today I am who I am because of God's grace, and I have made sure that the grace He offered me has not been wasted. I have worked harder, longer, and smarter than all the rest; but I realize it is not me—it is God's grace with me that has made the difference. **1 Corinthians 15:9-10** (VOICE)*

*...the Messiah's love makes us press on. ¹⁵ ..he died for all in order that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised on their behalf. **2 Corinthians 5:14,15** (NTE)*

4. THE BREASTPLATE PROTECTS BY KEEPING ME _____.

*The righteousness of the upright delivers them, but the unfaithful are trapped by evil desires. **Proverbs 11:6** (NIV)*

*Live right, and you are safe! But sin will destroy you. **Proverbs 13:6** (CEV)*

HOW ONE RECEIVES THE BREASTPLATE AND ALL ITS BENEFITS

- I MUST _____ THE GIFT AND _____.

*Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ. Then God will forgive your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is for you. It is also for your children and for the people who are far away. It is for everyone the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴¹ Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. On that day about 3000 people were added to the group of believers. **Acts 2:38-39, 41**(ERV)*

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **Galatians 3:26, 27** (NIV)*

- I MUST _____ THE GIFT AND _____.

*I urge you---I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you. **Ephesians 4:1** (GNB)*

*So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking....²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. **Ephesians 4:17, 20-24** (NIV)*

*...count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² ...do not let sin reign... so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. **Romans 6:11-13** (NCV)*