

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Eph. 6:14

The Breastplate of Righteousness Symbolizes Three Realities in our Spiritual Life

1) Symbolizes Christ's Righteousness

2 Cor. 5:21; "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2) Symbolizes The Christian's Righteous Motivation:

"Imputed righteousness makes practical righteousness possible, but only obedience to the Lord makes practical righteousness a reality."

Read Romans 6:1-2 and 11-14

"Our standing before God needs to be reflected in our state before men; our position needs to be reflected in our practice. If we are living a righteous life in obedience to the commands of God, then the breastplate of righteousness is certainly our protection. If we choose to live an unrighteous life, we negate the benefit of the righteousness of Christ and lose the protection of the breastplate of righteousness."

Ephesians 4:24; "Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

(That is our responsibility)

When we refuse to live out who we are positionally in our everyday lives here are the results:

- a) We have no defense system
- b) We lose our joy
- c) We become fruitless
- d) We lose our rewards
- e) We bring reproach on God's glory

3) Symbolizes Our Captured Righteousness: