

REMEMBER YOUR ARMOR.

Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

- What is righteousness?
 - A right standing with God: The result of being justified by God (Positional righteousness).
 - Imputed righteousness – 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Isaiah 59:17

He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

- Like a breastplate, righteousness protects what is most vital.
- We should suit up daily with the armor we've been given (Practical righteousness).

Ephesians 4:22-24

to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

- Why is righteousness relevant to my life?
 - What you trust in sets the tone and trajectory of your life.

Isaiah 64:6b

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

- If you knew you were walking into an ancient battle of hand-to-hand combat? Which would you choose?

Am I Good Enough?

- Ambition: We try to conform.
 - Despair – 2 Corinthians 7:10 *For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.*
 - Self-righteousness – Luke 18:9 *He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:*
- Apathy: We begin to care less and less.

Q: What is your answer to, “Am I good enough?”

Titus 3:5

he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy,

Philippians 3:9

and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.