

Living Worthy of My Calling, Pt. 33
“An Impenetrable Breastplate”

Ephesians 6:10-18

- my sins were *imputed to Christ* – put to His account
- His righteousness was *imputed to me* – put to my account

It is only with the covering of Christ’s perfect righteousness
that the Christian can make a sure advance in spiritual maturity.

1. Review: the Lesson of the Whole Armor

(1) The Implements of Preparation, Readiness - fixed to the body prior to the conflict
- make sure they’re on and you’re protected!

- the belt
- the breastplate
- the shoes

(2) The Implements of Action, Conquest - The soldier actively utilized these pieces
- “taking” or “take up”

- the shield
- the helmet
- the sword

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

(1) Original design and use of the breastplate

- extended from the neckline to the upper thighs
- covered the vital organs – the most vulnerable parts

Note: It was these vital organs which the ancients viewed as the seat of the affections or feelings

(2) Interpretation: The “Breastplate of Righteousness”

-1- **Crucial to preparation, readiness!!** *“having put on the breastplate of righteousness”*

-2- **What Righteousness? Whose Righteousness?**

- Not my own!!! - The righteousness of Christ! 2 Cor. 5:21
 - a perfect righteousness which alone gets God’s approval
 - a perfect righteousness which is imputed to me, which becomes mine through faith alone
Rom. 5:1; Phil. 3:9
- a “double imputation”:

(3) Application

-1- The “breastplate” of Christ’s righteousness will protect us at our most vulnerable points:
- the heart, emotions, conscience, desires

-2- We must know what is our true and only covering of righteousness; our true foundation
- if we are unclear on this the enemy will continually beat us up, discourage us

-3- We are protected in the realm of assurance

-4- We are protected in the realm of feelings and experience

-5- Crucial to battling depression generally

Further Application