

STAND CLOTHED WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS
Ephesians 6:14b

I. The Explanation of the Weapon.

Isaiah 11:5: **Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins**, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isaiah 59:17: 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.

Psalms 11:7: For **the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness**; His countenance beholds the upright.

II. The Explanation of the Theology.

A. Our Need for Righteousness.

Isaiah 64:6: But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our **righteousnesses are like filthy rags**; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Romans 3:9-10: What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks **that they are all under sin**. As it is written: **“There is none righteous, no, not one.”**

B. Our Way to Righteousness.

Genesis 15:6: And **he believed in the Lord**, and He **accounted it to him for righteousness**.

Romans 10:4: For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to everyone **who believes**.

Romans 3:21-22: But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference.

C. Our Imputed Righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30: But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, **who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption**.

2 Corinthians 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**.

III. The Application of the Principle.

A. Rest in the righteousness of Christ for your right standing before God.

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**.

1 John 2:1: My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. **And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous**.

B. Shun self-righteousness at all cost.

Luke 11:43-44: **Woe to you Pharisees!** For you love the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!** For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them.

C. Determine to live a Christ righteous life for Him.

Proverbs 12:28: In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Matthew 5:6: Blessed are those **who hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be filled.

Romans 14:17: for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, **but righteousness** and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.