

## #26. *Armoured With Righteousness*

“... and having put on the breastplate of righteousness”

### THE BREASTPLATE?

**Isaiah 59:16,17**

And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him. He put on righteousness like a breastplate...

**“thorax”**

- It protects “the *heart*” and “the *lungs*”

Wouldn't it be a good feeling, when marching against an enemy armed with powerful bows and arrows and catapults, to know that your heart and lungs were safe

- To keep on *living*, to keep on *standing* and to resume *walking*

***The schemes of the devil:***

he *lies*, he *deceives*, he *accuses* ... to get you to *give up*:

“I feel like giving up” is never “The Holy Spirit is trying to give you something!”

**“to lose heart.” Get it????**

### RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- a) Is it the *imputed* righteousness of Christ?

**Romans 4:4-5**

Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness...

- b) Or is it the *imparted* righteousness of Christ?

**Romans 8:4**

so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Personal opinion: It's “B”

**1 Thessalonians 5:8**

”But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love...”

PLUS... the other sort of righteousness is coming!

## APPLICATION

### **Romans 13:12**

The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

**1. Identify the three big issues:** Three categories: three contests: Three Rings

- 1) Christlike *character* ... do something: pick one aspect
- 2) Christlike *relationships* ... love someone: pick one person
- 3) Christlike *ministry* ... serve someone: pick one job

**2. And then go ahead: *obey God!***

### **Matthew 7:15-20**

"You will know them by their fruits."

### **1 John 2:3-6**

"By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments...By this we know that we are in Him..."

### **2 Peter 1:5-8**

"... applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**3. But don't try this *alone!***