

## Armed and Ready

Part 2-Body Armor of Righteousness,

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Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's \*righteousness.

(Ephesians 6:14, New Living Translation 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

(Isaiah 64:6, NLT2)

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked.

(Jeremiah 17:9, NLT2)

### 1) **God's righteousness is a free gift.**

God has shown us a way to be made right with him....We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

(Romans 3:21-22, NLT2)

### 2) **Take off those things that keep you from putting on God's body armor of righteousness**

Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

(Ephesians 4:22-24, NLT2)

### 3) **Put on God's righteousness by soaking yourself in God's Word**

You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. (Matthew 5:38-39, English Standard Version)

If you... suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.

(1 Peter 3:14, ESV)

Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.... a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

(James 3:17-18, ESV)

Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

(Psalm 106:3, ESV)

Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness

(2 Timothy 2:22, ESV)

Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

(James 1:20, NLT2)

### 4) **Put on God's righteousness by surrounding yourself with God's people.**

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out...? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

(Matthew 11:28-30, The Message)