

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: PART V
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Explain the doctrines of substitutionary atonement and imputed righteousness. If you are unable to do so, listen to this week's sermon again on-line until you "get it"! Why do think these doctrines are so precious and important?
2. If Jesus Christ has accomplished everything for us, including our righteousness before God, where to good works fit in? Do they earn us favor with God? Why or why not?
3. In response to those who say our good works do earn us favor with God, Pastor Charlie said that (a) this is impossible, (b) it is legalism, and (c) good works play a role in our salvation but do not earn us favor with God. Do you think it is impossible to earn favor with God? Read Galatians 3:1-4: do you think trying to earn favor with God is legalism?
4. Read the following Scriptures and then articulate how good works fit into life with Christ: Eph 2:8-10; Phil 2:12-13, 3:12; Titus 2:11-15; Heb 10:14, 12:2,14; 1 Pet 2:24-25.
5. How does the teaching on the breastplate of righteousness—that Christ made atonement for us, imputed his righteousness to us, and empowers us for good works—relate to spiritual warfare? How does it give us victory in battle? How does it sustain us in hard-fought battles?