

WEEK 4: **OCTOBER 20, 2024**

SERIES – STAND FIRM: 40 Days of Spiritual Warfare

TITLE - ***“The Breastplate of Righteousness”***

Notes and questions adapted from “Spiritual Warfare: Armor of the Believer” by David Jeremiah

SUMMARY

“Police and military personnel are wearing increasingly high-tech versions of a bulletproof vest – lighter, stronger, and more protective – to protect their vital organs. Just so, the Christian needs to wear the breastplate of righteousness continually to protect his most vital organ: the heart.”

– David Jeremiah

PRAYER

After a time of checking in with each other, open up with prayer

WEEKLY SERMON REVIEW

- Read together Ephesians 6:10-18 but maybe try a different translation and highlight any differences.
- Q: Anything stand out to you from the sermon this week?
- Q: What is the difference between imputed righteousness and imparted righteousness?
- Q: What does it mean to you that God is the “Just Justifier”?

BIBLE & DISCUSSION:

- Read 1 Corinthians 1:30. What are the 4 things that Christ became for us?
- Read 1 John 2:1. Q: What does Christ do for us?
- Read Revelation 12:10. Q: How is Satan described in this passage?
- Q: In what way does Christ’s righteousness protect us from Satan’s accusations?
- When we are being accused, it should fall upon the breastplate of righteousness. No accusation can pierce or stick to Christ. He is our righteousness through the work of the cross and the power of salvation.
- Each piece of armor thematically addresses topics that Paul discusses earlier in his letter to the Ephesians. Morality and living a life above reproach is addressed in Ephesians chapter 5. Read Ephesians 5:1-13.
- Q: Based on this passage, what is the difference between a righteous Christian life and an unrighteous Christian life?
- Q: How is this passage addressed with putting on the breastplate of righteousness?
- Q: How does an unrighteous life impact one’s ability to fight spiritual battles?
- Q: How does the breastplate of righteousness help one battle spiritual warfare?
- Q: If we are not careful, how does self-righteousness become a temptation that hinders the breastplate of righteousness? How is self-righteousness a scheme and flaming dart of Satan?
- CLOSING STATEMENT: *“The key to walking in the righteousness of Christ is to fall in love again – and remain in love with – Jesus. Instead of trying to live better, we need to love better. The more deeply our heart is following after Christ, the more righteousness will characterize our conduct and character.” – David Jeremiah*

PRAYER REQUESTS AND CLOSING

For prayer time this week, after sharing prayer requests, take a few minutes of silence, and everyone quietly pray for each other.