

# Truth & Righteousness:

## Two Armor Fundamentals

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians 6:14*

### Paul Opens His Armor Metaphor With These 2 Components Because They Are Essential and Foundational

### **To Stand Firm In Battle We Must First Put On...**

## 1. THE BELT OF TRUTH

**(Truthfulness: an attitude of opposition to falsehood, a total commitment to Truth.)**

*Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth. (v.14a)*

**SATAN IS THE** \_\_\_\_\_ *John 8:42,44*

**JESUS IS THE** \_\_\_\_\_ *John 14:6*

## 2. THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

**(Righteousness: washed clean, set apart, rightly related to God through Christ Jesus, living with integrity and walking out the mandates of the Word.)**

*and having put on the breastplate of righteousness. (v.14b)*

**Righteousness is not \_\_\_\_\_ . It is a condition of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that results from my surrender to him & my adherence to his truth. It's the incarnational ministry of letting the Holy Spirit both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through me.**

### Reflection and Application

- Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" How would you define it? Is it your priority?
- Do you have a breach or crack in your armor? What might yours be?
- Have you lost ground on righteousness, i.e. keeping a right relationship to God through Christ Jesus? If so, what steps can you take to shore up your breastplate?
- What are practical steps you can take to put on the Belt of Truth and the Breastplate of Righteousness each day?
- Would you like to start your journey in the family and army of Jesus Christ by committing your life to him today? If so talk to one of the pastors, elders or other members of the church about steps to give your heart and life to God.