

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Breastplate of Righteousness

Ephesians 6:10-20

April 11, 2021

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Ephesians 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.</p>	<p>Having Christ's righteousness motivates the pursuit of obedience to God in our lives, which is a powerful stance against the devil.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Know the Devil's schemesII. Positional righteousness (being "in Christ" by faith)III. Practical righteousness (pursuing obedience to God) <p>Memory verses for 2021-</p> <p>Ephesians 5:15-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">[15] Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,[16] making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.[17] Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.[18] And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,[19] addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,[20] giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,[21] submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss the two main schemes of the devil to attack us.

2. Why is understanding "positional righteousness" (our being "in Christ") essential to putting on the breastplate of righteousness?

3. How do positional and practical righteousness relate?

4. Discuss this statement from Luther-

"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!"

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: