Standing in Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14
Standing is a command
Standing is Christ centered
Standing is our commitment
Standing is consistent

Stand firm then, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, Ephesians 6:14
Why Righteousness Matters?

• Righteousness literally means to be made right or to be considered right.

• Righteousness is a **gift**
• Righteousness makes us **Godly**
• Righteousness flows out of **grace**
• Righteousness helps us to remain **grounded**
The Role of the Breastplate

- The breastplate protects vital areas
- The breastplate proves readiness to fight
- The breastplate reveals preparation
How Does Righteousness Help Us Stand?

• Righteousness is an issue of the heart
• Righteousness moves us toward holiness
• Righteousness gives us spiritual healing
• Righteousness offers us eternal hope
Jesus on Righteousness

- Jesus wants righteousness to be a **priority**
- But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

- Jesus shows that righteousness is a **passion**
  Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Matthew 5:6

- Jesus directs that righteousness is a **pursuit**
  For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:20
Romans 8:1-4

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man,
Romans 8:1-4

4 in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Romans 8:1-4
Understanding Righteousness

- Righteousness is approval from God
- Righteousness is acceptance of God
- Righteousness is atonement with God
- Righteousness is access to God
How Should We Handle Righteousness?

- Righteousness needs to be embraced
- Righteousness needs to be experienced
- Righteousness needs to be expressed
- Righteousness needs to be expanded