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Ephesians 6:14  
Breastplate of Righteousness

Introduction: Paul continues his description of God's armor available for us. We must understand it is His armor we are utilizing therefore it cannot be ineffective nor insufficient.

A. Having, I Sam. 17:5

1. Aorist-Once
2. Middle-Subject initiates and does
3. Participle-having done

B. Breastplate, I Sam. 17:5, 38; Neh. 4:16; I Kgs. 22:34

1. Gk. NT., 2382 "chest, thorax"
2. Roman cuirass
  - a. Solid single piece of metal or chain mail
  - b. Actually covered front and back
  - c. Attached to the belt or the cingulum
3. Protection offered
  - a. Chest, considered seat of the emotions for Jews
  - b. Vital organs
  - c. Back

C. Righteousness, Isa. 59:17

1. Imputation
  - a. Definition – idea of charging to one's account, judicial attributing to someone
  - b. Three imputations
    1. Sin to all man, I Cor. 15:21 ff
    2. Sin to Christ, I Pet. 2:24
    3. Righteousness of Christ to believers, Rom. 5:18
2. Righteousness
  - a. His righteousness
    1. Like truth it is one of His attributes
    2. Uprightness, 'perfection of His character' McCune
  - b. Imputed to believers
    1. Free, Rom. 3:24
    2. Unmerited, Titus 3:7
    3. Strictly judicial, Rom. 2
      - a. Removes guilt, Rom. 8:1
      - b. Removes penalty, Rom. 6:23
    4. Demands Godly living, Rom. 6:1

Conclusion: You have it; you can choose to utilize what is already yours. You are completely protected if you use His armor. It is attached to truth which you also already have available to use. We choose to be obedient to His Word which results in protection.