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## Rom 3:22

Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

# BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

## *Faith/Belief*

### **Definitions:**

#### **Breastplate**

- The breast, the part of the body from the neck to the navel, where the ribs end
- A breastplate or corset consisting of two parts that protects the body on both sides from the neck to the middle

#### **Righteousness**

- In a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, the condition acceptable to God
  - a. the doctrine concerning how man may attain a state approved of God
  - b. integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking, feeling, and acting
- In a narrower sense, justice or the virtue which gives each his due

#### **Faith**

- Conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it.



### *Ephesians 6:14*

*Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

#### Rom 1:17

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

#### Rom 4:3

For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

#### Heb 11:7

By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

#### James 2:23

And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

#### Rom 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

#### 1Th 5:8

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation

#### 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

***A righteous man is a just man, and the just shall live by faith (Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38). Both Noah and Abraham exemplified faith in God, which was credited to them as righteousness. Their RIGHTEOUSNESS was not as a result of their extraordinary deeds but rather stemmed from their unwavering faith in God. At times, one might think that (doing good) acts of kindness, such as generosity, helping the needy, preaching, bestow a certain favor with God. They are good works and we should do them as ambassadors of Christ. However, all these deeds are empty without faith. One's integrity, virtue, purity of life, thoughts, emotions, and actions, which are the metrics of righteousness (essential for being deemed acceptable to God), are attainable solely through faith in the transformative power of salvation through Christ Jesus. We can't achieve righteousness through our own merits.***

#### **Prayer,**

Isaiah 64:6 New King James Version (NKJV) But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Lord Jesus, I repent for walking in my righteousness; it is all like filthy rags, I let it all go; cleanse me Lord from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). I shall walk only by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). I shall grow my faith by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). In the name of Jesus. AMEN

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