

EPHESIANS 6:10-14

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 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. 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. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,”

I. PURITY of Righteousness

- a. There is a PICTURE of righteousness
- b. The Standard of God is PERFECTION (Matt 5:20)

II. POSITION of Righteousness

- a. PAYMENT : He gets all my SIN
- b. PROVISION : We get all of His PERFECTION

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21

III. PRACTICE of Righteousness

- a. Righteousness PROTECTS against the enemy: Unrighteousness INVITES demonic activity
- b. Righteousness PRODUCES intimacy: Unrighteousness LIMITS the flow of God's Spirit

TAKE AWAY: My hope is that we would wake up to the truth that we have an enemy who is after the very source of our lives, and that this awareness would push us to take serious the fight for righteousness and push us to suit up for war.