

**Answer Key:**

**Our Part...**

- belt
- decision

**What Does Jesus Say about Righteousness?**

- seek
- hunger / thirst
- Jesus
- one

**Breastplate also...**

- faith / love
- walk
- meaning

**What the Breastplate does for us?**

1. heart
2. gift
3. precious
4. guards
5. enemy

**Putting on Jesus**

**Part 9**

“Guard Your Heart”

**Ephesians 6:14 ESV**

***“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness...”***

**Introductory Statement**

***At the moment of salvation, every believer receives the breastplate of righteousness to keep forever. This is not a physical breastplate that you can physically hold with your hands and see with your eyes. Rather, it is a spiritual breastplate of righteousness that we wear each day. Due to our own fallen nature, we are not righteous on our own. It is only by Jesus’ imputed righteousness that we can be declared righteous.***

**Our Part...**

- Before we put on the breastplate of righteousness, we have to make sure our \_\_\_\_\_ of truth is buckled tightly on our waist.
- The breastplate of righteousness does not automatically clothe us each day. We must make the intentional \_\_\_\_\_ to put it on.

## What Does Jesus Say about Righteousness?

- We should \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness

**Matthew 6:33 NIV**

***"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."***

- Those who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness will be satisfied.

**Matthew 5:6 NIV**

***"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."***

- Righteousness comes through \_\_\_\_\_ alone.

**John 3:16 KJV**

***"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."***

- No \_\_\_\_\_ is righteous.

**Romans 3:16 KJV**

***"...There is none righteous, no, not one."***

## Breastplate also...

- The breastplate to describe other virtues: the breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Thessalonians 5:8 GNT**

***"But we belong to the day, and we should be sober. We must wear faith and love as a breastplate, and our hope of salvation as a helmet."***

- Faith and love are also crucial elements in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a Christian.

**1 Peter 2:21 ESV**

***"For to this you have been called because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."***

- We see faith in action in our shield of faith, and without love, our works have no \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 13:1 NLT**

***"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."***

The Bible makes it clear.

**Through righteousness, we find abundant life and joy.**

## What the Breastplate does for us?

1. The Breastplate protects your \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 4:23 NLT**

***"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."***

***God is more concerned about your Heart than your performance. If your heart is right, your performance will eventually catch up.***

**Impact Movement**

2. The Breastplate is God's \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV**

***"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."***

***"All adversity, every problem you face, is a gift of love given to you from the hand of God."***

**Charles Stanley**

3. The Breastplate is a \_\_\_\_\_ commodity.

**2 Timothy 1:13-14 Message**

***"So, keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us."***

***Christ's righteousness. He gives us the only protection that guarantees success against the devil.***

4. The Breastplate \_\_\_\_\_ against the faultfinder.

**Jude 1:16 NIV**

***These people are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.***

***Faultfinders usually are not content with their own situations in life and therefore try to make others miserable by judging them.***

**Cogan**

## What the Breastplate does for us?

5. The Breastplate protects against the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 Peter 5:8-9 Message

***"Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up."***

***"When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles.***

***When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs.***

***When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy."***

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