

# Amour of God

## Righteousness: The Armour of God: "Suit Up"

"Righteousness"—A legal term of standing: [Genesis 6: 9](#) "These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God."

An epitaph: 3 phrases that describe Noah, that give the parameters of what it means to "seek" after righteousness. Noah stood out to God, and this is God's description of Noah.

God declares him righteous, blameless, and relationally connected to God.

Abraham: [Genesis 15: 6](#) "And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness." God gave Abraham a standing with him based upon faith and not works. Abraham simply believed God; God gave him a standing with himself that Abraham did not deserve. This began that relationship with God that later on [Isaiah 41:8](#) "Abraham my friend" God describes Abraham as being his friend. Righteousness leads us to a relationship that can be described as being God's friends.

[Matthew 6:33](#) "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." It's listed by Jesus as seeking both the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. The rulership, values, and world view and being rightly related to him is what Jesus set forth as being the pathway he says is to our focus.

In [Ephesians 6:14](#) "having put on the breastplate of righteousness". Righteousness is described as being the protective substance that guards the heart. [1 Thessalonians 5: 8](#) "having put on the breastplate of faith and love." Paul again is using "breastplate" as a picture of what this standing and spiritual substance called "righteousness" protects.

1. Righteousness is a legal standing before a holy God: This is the beginning point and ending point of this spiritual substance that God provides. It is not "self righteousness" but "Christ who is our righteousness" [Galatians 3:11](#) "The righteous shall live by faith."
2. Righteousness is process of Being made Right: [Romans 5:17](#) "if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." Grace and righteousness combine to help on to reign in life. A constant, consistent, steady, progressive lifestyle of coming into the righteousness we already have.
3. Righteousness is the basis of a strong relationship: [Romans 14:17](#) "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." This pictures to us that righteousness is the building block of the kingdom of God in one's life. Not the externals focused on what one eats and drinks, but the inner life of keeping oneself right with God. He gives us the standing and we then are to work with the help and companionship of the Holy Spirit in maintaining that "right standing with God".
4. Righteousness guards the heart: [1 Thessalonians 5:8](#) "having put on the breastplate of faith and love." Faith is the substance that establishes righteousness in our lives, love is what relationally maintains that standing.

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