

## Breastplate of Righteousness

### **Ephesians 6:14-18 (New International Version)**

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. **And** pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

### **Holy Spirit Revelation from 2010**

Your **Breast Plate of Righteousness** is like the sternum & ribs protecting the heart. My righteousness protects your wellspring of life; all life starts in the heart.

**We are to be a revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**Requirements – surrendered heart, a surrendered mind a  
surrendered life.**

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." (Matt. 5:6)*

**Are you hungry?**

**Are you thirsty?**

**Or are you satisfied?**

**Guard your heart for it is a wellspring of life.**

**Romans 12:1-8 READ**

**(Romans 11 - Remnant of Israel - Chosen remnant)**

**"that you present your *bodies* as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."**

Paul also says, how we are to give it to Him. **"Present your body to Him a living sacrifice"**

Why a living sacrifice?

Paul is saying, “**Don’t kill your body and place it on the altar. Place a living body on the altar.**”

***So it can be used.***

Old Testament sacrifices

When a sacrifice was placed on the altar it no longer belonged to the person who offered it; it belonged to God. It is as though God says:

**“Place your body on My altar as a living sacrifice.**

Give me the vessel, and I’ll get the contents as well.

- From now on you don’t own it. I own it.
- You don’t make the decisions as to what will happen to your body. I make them.
- You don’t decide where you are going to go;
- You don’t decide what you are going to eat;
- You don’t decide what you are going to wear.

Those are **My** decisions.

He is also saying: I want the whole of you....

- Your Body
- Your Spirit
- Your Soul
- Your Talents
- All that you are
- All that you have

When He accepts our living sacrifice He is saying:

- I take full responsibility for your Body.
- I take full responsibility for your Spirit.
- I take full responsibility for your Soul.
- I take full responsibility for your Talents.

- I take full responsibility for All that you are.
- I take full responsibility for all that you have.

**I am now in-charge.**

**How Glorious!!!**

### **DEMO**

To often we put ourselves on the altar but just as Jesus comes to take the sacrifice and use it we get down and **run**.

***All the while we are saying I want to be in the will of God.***

***Really?***

**There is only 1 will of God. You are either in His will or you are not.**

**What is really being said when someone acts like this is “I’ll give myself – maybe all, to God, IF His will matches mine.**

Who’s will is it then?

Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone that says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess to them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? Matthew 23:19:

It **ISN’T** the gift that gives value to the altar. **IT IS** the **altar** that gives value to the gift.

The altar sanctifies the gift that remains on the altar.

**We are not doing God a favor by offering Him our life. God is doing us a favor by accepting our life.**

He accepts it, not on the basis of what we are, but on the basis of the altar upon which we offer our life, which is “Jesus Christ”

I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

**“I die daily”** 1 Corinthians 15:30:

God in us we become the hands, the heart, the feet and the mind of Jesus Christ.

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A revelation of Jesus.

**Requirements – surrendered heart, a surrendered mind a surrendered life.**

**Heads bowed & eyes closed.**

The Spirit of God is like the bread that the disciples held in their hands. When they broke it and distributed it to the multitudes there was more remaining than when they began. The Spirit of God is Creative, Generative, Constructive, and the more you give the more you receive. Jesus laid down a perpetual law when He said “Give and it shall be given to you.” Luke 6:38.

Are you ready to lay your body and all its contents on the Altar of Christ?

No jumping up and running – to leave it there.