

# DIGDEEPER

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Protected by Righteousness by Dr. Richard Rogers

Ephesians 6:14 ([Listen Online](#))

## THE BIG IDEA

Life is a battle, and our enemy is relentless. He uses any number of schemes to keep us from living for the glory of God, but we have a critical tool in the fight: the righteousness of Jesus. Wielding this tool well demands a new perspective, comes from our new position, and requires that we walk a new path as we consciously surrender ourselves to Jesus.

**START A CONVERSATION** (Use this to begin a Conversation that Matters with your kids, co-workers, spouse, or someone in line at the grocery store. Then, [tell us about it.](#))

- How do we know God will accept us when life is over?

## SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- Our sin demands a punishment. Describe that punishment and how the righteousness of Christ delivers us from it.
- In what ways have you felt the sinful effects of unrighteousness in life this week?
- How has your living not met the standard God demands, and what should you do with that reality?
- Paul mentions the breastplate of righteousness in the context of relationships and spiritual warfare. When you feel attacked by others, what things do you often turn to in an attempt to defend yourself?
- How does wearing the righteousness of Christ transform our relationships?

## GO DEEPER

- We encountered some big ideas in this sermon. It might help to take a moment to read again what we mean when we talk about [imputed righteousness](#) and [substitutionary atonement](#). These terms have big implications for how we live each day.
- In a classic clip, RC Sproul explains [how our sin is imputed to Jesus and his righteousness is imputed to us](#). This is the only means by which we can ever be reconciled to God.
- The fact that Christians are clothed in the righteousness of Christ isn't some stale legal jargon. GracetoYou.org shows how it is a dynamic idea with [powerful implications for daily Christian living](#).

## LIVE IN LOVE THIS WEEK

The way we live in this world matters because the world sees God through his people as they walk according to his Word. Consider your own living this week, and repent of the ways you've tried to live out of your own righteousness. Confess the ways you have refused to surrender all of your life to Jesus. Ask God to help you know the gift of Christ's righteousness and walk in this week. Thank him for the fact that you will never face the judgment of your sin because Jesus took it for you.