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- The book of the Bible that talks about righteousness the most is **Romans** 33 times
- The second most is **2 Corinthians** 7 times
- Righteousness is “the quality of being morally right or justifiable.
"we had little doubt about the righteousness of our cause"

A. The breastplate of righteousness Ephesians 6:14

- Why is righteousness on your **chest**?
- It protects our **heart**.
- On our own we are not **righteous**.
- Through God we are **made** righteous.

B. Why do we wear armor?

- To protect us in war.
- Keeps us **safe**.
- So, we can **withstand** Satan. – 1 Peter 5:8
- We wear righteousness because we are not **naturally** righteous.
- To withstand the enemy, we must have righteousness.

C. The Bible defines righteousness – **1 John 3:7**

- In the **beatitudes** Jesus said “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled”. – Matthew 5:6
- The word righteousness is not an **everyday** word that is used.
- It is a word that really only gets used when your talking about the **Bible**.
- “God’s **wrath** is his righteousness reacting against unrighteousness
- J.I. Packer

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D. God is our example of righteousness – Isaiah 33:22

- God is perfect! He doesn't have any imperfections. – 1 John 1:5
- From God we now understand justice.
- God has given us plenty of examples of being righteous – Numbers 22:12, Jeremiah 12:1, Psalm 48:10, Romans 8:4, Isaiah 46:13
- God imparts righteousness on us through faith – Romans 1:17
- Righteousness through faith is wise – Romans 10:6

E. We find our righteousness in Christ – Philippians 3:9

- Jesus came to fulfill righteousness – Matthew 3:15
- Jesus doesn't change – Hebrews 13:8
- Everything that Jesus did was righteous.
- Righteousness wasn't just something he talked about but lived out.

F. Scripture is righteous 2 Timothy 3:16

- We are called to seek out righteousness – 1 Timothy 6:11
- James was a man known for faith.
- James said faith without works is dead.
- Faith is an action and something that you do.
- James was pushing people to have works and do something about their faith

G. How does this relate to the armor of God? – Ephesians 6:14b

- The breastplate is something that we need to put on.
- Righteousness guards your heart – Proverbs 4:23
- We get righteousness through faith – Romans 1:17
- We need to have armor to stand up against Satan – Ephesians 6:11
- Don't go into battle naked.

The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation – Charles Spurgeon