

***“The Breastplate of
Righteousness: Part II”***

Ephesians 6:10-20

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A More Glorious Mountain Top...

...the Imputed Righteousness of Christ!

We must begin with sin...

- Unless we see something of the depth and darkness and depravity of our sin, we will not be able to see the glories of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us.
- Sin, at its heart, is about rejecting God himself and the standard of sin is Rom 14:23: “Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.”

Jeremiah 3:6-9

“The LORD said to me in the days of King Josiah: ‘Have you seen what she did, that faithless one, Israel, how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree, and there played the whore? And I thought, “After she has done all this she will return to me,” but she did not return, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it.”

Jeremiah 3:6-9

She saw that for all the adulteries of that faithless one, Israel, I had sent her away with a decree of divorce. Yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but she too went and played the whore. Because she took her whoredom lightly, she polluted the land, committing adultery with stone and tree.”

Hosea 5:3-7

“I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the whore; Israel is defiled. Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God. For the spirit of whoredom is within them, and they know not the LORD. The pride of Israel testifies to his face; Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in his guilt; Judah also shall stumble with them.”

Hosea 5:3-7

With their flocks and herds they shall go to seek the LORD, but they will not find him; he has withdrawn from them.

They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD; for they have borne alien children. Now the new moon shall devour them with their fields.”

A Poem

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“Yet I Sin”

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The Consequences of our Sin...

Since our sin is to be understood in relational terms, the consequences of it must also be seen primarily as relational.

Ephesians 2:1-10

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

Ephesians 2:1-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

John 3:14-17

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him”

1 John 2:1-2 & 4:19

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world...We love because he first loved us.”