

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: PART II
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
MAY 17, 2009

Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Pastor Charlie said that, 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. Having heard the whole sermon, do you now see how this is so?
2. Sin *is* about breaking the commandments of God, but at its heart it's about rejecting God himself which breaks his heart. To help us perceive this, the Lord often compares sinful people to an adulterous. Read Jeremiah 3:6-9 & Hosea 5:3-7 and spend some time thinking about the nature of your sin against God. (Remember that Rom 14:23 sets the standard for what is to be counted as sin.)
3. If you have access to a copy of *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions*, read the prayer entitled "Yet I sin" on page 70 and meditate on the author's musings there. Ask the Lord to help you see the depth of the predicament of your sin, and also the glory of his grace in Christ that's willing to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:15-17, and 1 John 2:1-2 & 4:19 very carefully. Meditate on the mercy in the heart of God and pray that he would give you the grace to see the peak of that glorious mountain called the imputed righteousness of Christ. Pray that he'll help you in the coming weeks to understand more of what he's done and to prize and praise him for it!