A reflection of the character of God.

Isaiah 11:5 (ESV) Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Isaiah 59:17 (ESV) He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Isaiah 52:7 (ESV) How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

Isaiah 49:2 (ESV) He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

A demonstration of the power of God.

Ephesians 2:18 (ESV) For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 5:2 (ESV) And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

A. The Belt of Truth

Ephesians 6:13-14 (ESV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

A true understanding of who Christ is.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (ESV) 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

A true understanding of who we are in Christ.

○ We have been saved by the grace of Christ. (Ephesians 2:1-3)

○ What He has done (Ephesians 1:3-14)
Who we now are:

➢ We are His body. (Ephesians 5:23)
➢ We are His building. (Ephesians 2:19-22)
➢ We are His bride. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

We have been filled with the power of Christ. (Ephesians 1:18-23)

➢ Christ has all authority. (Colossians 1:19)

B. The Breastplate of Righteousness

• Not self-righteousness.

• It is a positional righteousness.

➢ The exchanged life. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
➢ The secured life.

➢ Christ is in you.

**Colossians 1:27 (ESV)** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

➢ You are in Christ.

**Colossians 1:28 (ESV)** Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

➢ Christ is in God.

**Colossians 3:3 (ESV)** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

• It is practical righteousness. (Ephesians 4:22-24 and Galatians 4:19)