

A pair of black-rimmed glasses with clear lenses is positioned over an open book. A red bookmark is visible on the left page. The background is a dark, slightly blurred image of the book and glasses.

Scripture Reading:

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

The Second Piece of Armor from  
God: **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

# Introduction

- The first two parts of the divinely provided defensive mental armor against Satanic thought-darts relate to two of God's seven attributes: **truth and righteousness**
- Measuring any thought attack from the perspective of God's absolute truth, we can accurately evaluate these thoughts from the objective standpoint of **absolute reality**.
- This second piece of mental armor helps to evaluate these thought attacks from God's objective standpoint of **righteousness**.

# God's Righteousness

- God is the standard of righteousness
- Each person of the Godhead acts with consistency to Their divine nature toward one another and toward others outside Themselves
  - Ps 145:17, 119:142, 97:2

# Man's Righteousness

Man's natural understanding of righteousness

- Prov 14:12, 16:25, 21:2

Man under law-righteousness (represented by Israel)

- Received blessings by obedience
- Received curses through disobedience - Deut 27:9-28:68
- Man's obedience to the Law attempted - Rom 10:1-2, Deut 12:8, Judges 17:6, 21:25
- Man's failed obedience to the Law - Isa 64:6, Rom 3:20

# Positional Righteousness: Being Righteous in Christ (II Cor 5:21)

- The salvation by grace which provides this righteousness
  - Declared righteousness by faith
    - Rom 4:5, Rom 5:1
  - Righteousness provided by the payment of His blood
    - Rom 5:9
  - Righteousness is a free gift
    - Rom 5:17

# Practical Righteousness

God's blueprint for our  
righteous activities

- Eph 2:10

Activating God's  
righteousness

- Rom 6:13

# CONCLUSION

The breastplate of righteousness is **POSITIONAL** righteousness. Out of our positional righteousness we are enabled to act righteous.