PREPARING FOR THE BATTLE--3 *"Armed With the Belt of Truth"* Ephesians 6:14b *"... having on the breastplate of righteousness."*

Introduction--____

So where can we expect an attack from Satan?

I. FIRST, SATAN WILL ATTACK OUR OR MINDS.

II. SECONDLY, SATAN WILL ATTACK OUR _____ OR FEELINGS.

This is why we need the *"breastplate of righteousness."* THEN, what do we mean by *"righteousness"*?

Three main theories of what it means:

- A. Theory #1—it is the *"righteousness"* we receive when we repent and accept Christ by faith.
- B. Theory #2—it is the *"righteousness"* that characterizes our lives as we follow Jesus.
- C. Theory #3—it is referring to both.

III. THIRDLY, SATAN WILL ATTACK OUR _____ OR ACTIONS.

Now look at how it works:

 First, to stand firm against the enemy, we need to put on the ______ "righteousness" of Jesus Christ.

He will do everything possible to keep us from being saved!

2. Secondly, to stand firm against the enemy, we must produce the _____ *"righteousness"* provided by the Holy Spirit.

He will do everything possible to keep a believer from progressing in his Christian life!

Conclusion: While the IMPUTED "*righteousness*" of Christ is basis for JUSTIFICATION, the IMPARTED "*righteousness*" is the basis for SANCTIFICATION! One has to do with our POSITION, the other has to do with our PROGRESSION!