

**Sermon Notes**  
**September 24, 2023 --- Putting on the Breastplate of Righteousness**  
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Putting on the armor has more to do with Jesus' actions than our own

If we're going to put on the breastplate of righteousness, it's worth reorienting our concept of righteousness around the only one who is righteous, Jesus Christ.

The path of our self-righteousness leads to places we're not meant to go.

Instead of self-righteousness, Jesus clothes us in His righteousness.

Matthew 5:20 - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Another way we tend toward a warped definition of righteousness is by embracing righteous anger.

When it comes to engaging with scripture, context is king

“The myth of righteous anger actually impedes the taking of action, because it lets us congratulate ourselves for a feeling, rather than for doing something.” - Brant Hansen, Unoffendable

Ephesians 4:26-27 - 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4:31 -31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Shame holds us back from approaching God.  
Conviction drives us into the arms of the Father.