

**Series:** The Armor of God, a study in Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon:** The Breastplate of Righteousness

**Primary Text:** Ephesians 6:14b

**Discussion guide:**

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “righteous”?
- What does the word righteous mean?
- What is the difference between authentic righteousness that God calls us to and the self-righteousness we are warned against? (see Luke 18:10-14)
- What is “imputed righteousness”? (see 2 Corinthians 5:21)
  - What does it mean that we are made into the righteousness of God?
- How does imputed righteousness protect us?
- What is behavioral righteousness?
- How does behavioral righteousness protect us?
  - How does it protect our and Christ’s reputation? (see 1 Peter 3:16)
  - How does it protect our hearts? (see Ephesians 4:27-29)
- How do you put on the breastplate of righteousness?
- How does becoming a Christian lead to being protected by righteousness?
- How does obedience lead to being protected by righteousness?
- How does desiring righteousness lead to being protected by righteousness?
  - Read Matthew 5:6 – how can we develop a hunger and thirst for righteousness?