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- 1. It makes an abstract idea concrete and visible*
- 2. They move us from here and now to then and there*
- 3. They are interesting*
- 4. They make us think for ourselves*
- 5. It also concealed its meaning to some*
- 6. It was spoken*

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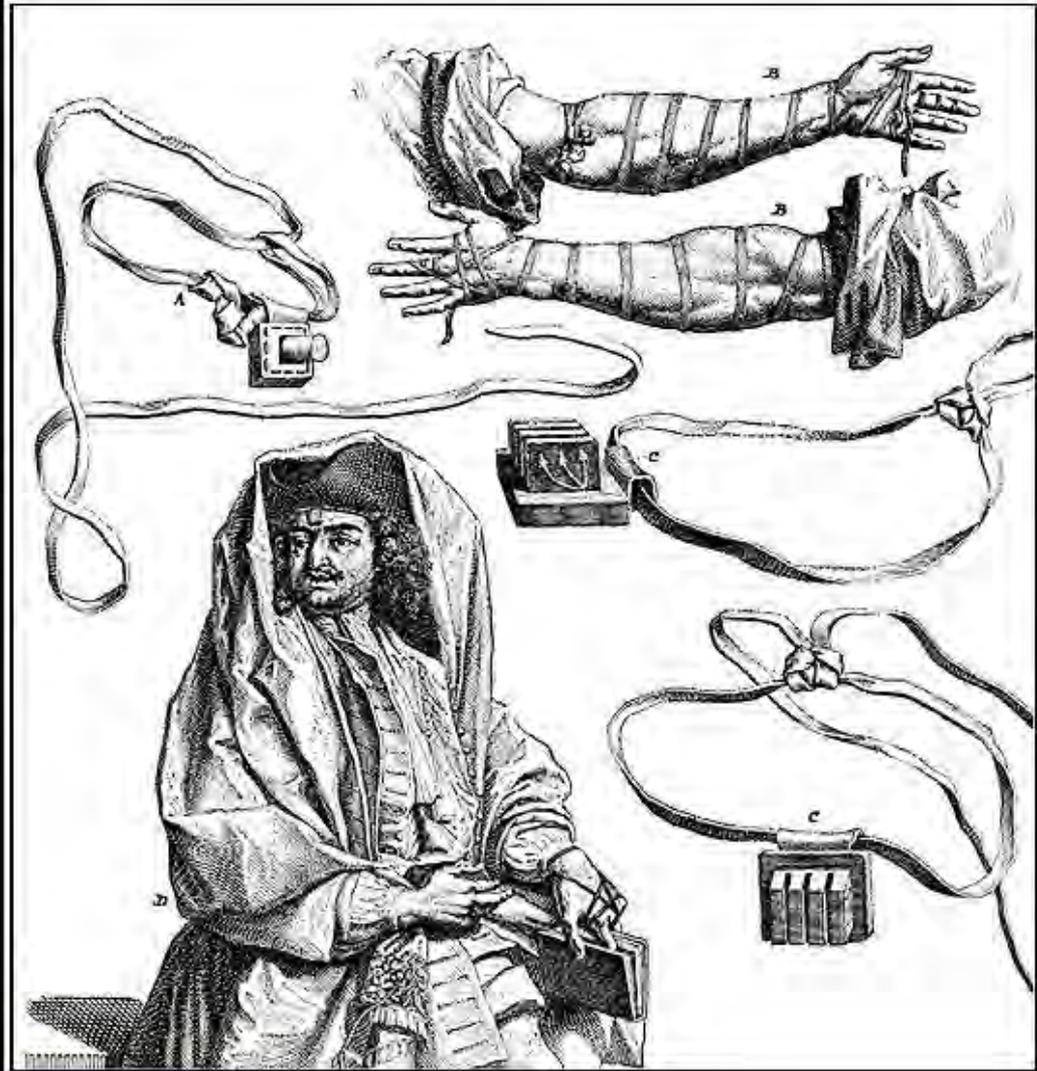
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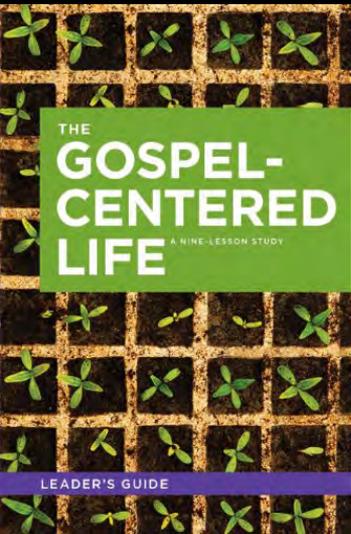
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What do we do to Justify ourselves?

What do you count on to give you a sense of “personal credibility” (validity, acceptance, good standing)? Your answer to that question will often reveal something (besides Jesus) in which you find righteousness. When we are not firmly rooted in the gospel, we rely on these false sources of righteousness to build our reputation and give us a sense of worth and value.



Bob Thune, *The Gospel Centered Life*, pg. 26

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Political Righteousness: If you really love God, you'll vote for my candidate

Tolerance Righteousness: I am open-minded and charitable toward those who don't agree with me. In fact, I'm a lot like Jesus in that way!

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Romans 5:6-11

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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What ways of self justification hinder you from seeing others as your neighbor?