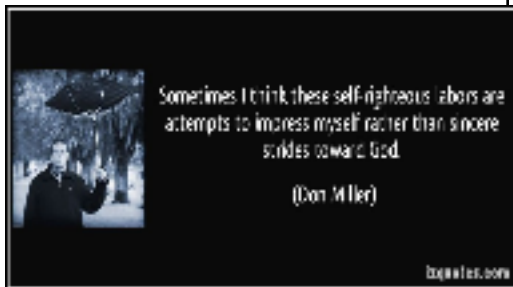


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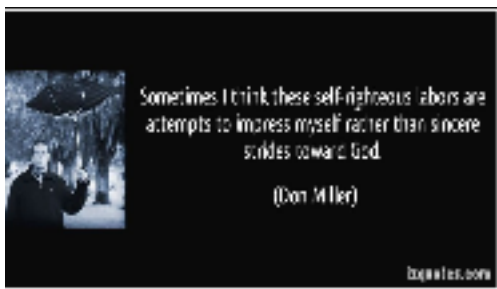
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We have no righteousness of our own before God. Therefore, to have eternal life we must be found in Christ having his righteousness for the wages of sin is death (separation from God) but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

For by grace are ye saved (from power of sin and hell) through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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