Preaching Christ Alone in an Age of Pluralism: Insights from the Wittenberg Tradition

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   “I [Luther] did not know that through the preaching and the Holy Scripture of Christ’s church there was a twofold judgment of God, one of the law and another of the gospel, and likewise a twofold righteousness of God, one of the law and another of the gospel. In the world the judgment and righteousness of the law is known, but it is not performed; but – as the prophets announced – David’s son, our Lord Jesus Christ, would bring about the judgment and righteousness of God through the gospel when he was upon the earth, as in Jeremiah 23[:5]: “He will make judgment and righteousness on the earth, etc.”

5a. The Righteousness of the Law
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5d. The Righteousness of the Gospel

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1 Cited in Martin Lohrmann, Bugenhagen’s Jonah (Minneapolis: University Lutheran Press, 2012), 125.
### Chart 1: The Two Kinds of Righteousness, Squared

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<td>(righteousness of faith, imputed righteousness, etc.)</td>
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### Chart 2: The Benefits of the Two Kinds of Righteousness, Squared

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<td>Call to serve in daily life</td>
<td>Call to repent and believe (Oct. 31, 1517: Thesis #1)</td>
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