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Next Week:

More practice identifying and understanding the implications of law and gospel in Scripture as well as in daily life.

Bring a friend, make a friend!

**Heidelberg Colloquy 03:
 Introduction to Law and Gospel**

All the Bible does express one overarching theme – how God saves people from sin and condemnation by belief on God the Son, Jesus. But how do we make the ideas bite-size? How are we going to work with the concepts day by day?

Dr. Martin Luther famously said, “Anyone who can properly distinguish Law and Gospel and apply them should be called a Doctor of Theology.” We’ll try to find these distinctions in the Bible and in our lives.

Quick Distinction:

Law	Gospel
tells what to do	tells what God has done
convicts of sin	saves from sin
proclaimed to impenitent	proclaimed to penitent
guides lives	creates living faith
shows sin	shows savior

“Penitent” means to be sorry for sin. “Impenitent” is the opposite.

Compare Mark 10:17-22 and Acts 16:25-31 to see different reactions to God’s Word.

Please consider the following Bible passages in light of law and gospel.

Our human condition

Ephesians 2:1-10

Our destiny as fallen people

John 3:18-20

God's Desire

1 Timothy 2:3-4

God's work

Ephesians 2:4-7

Comfort of God's Word

1 John 5:11-13

For Further Consideration:

Consider again the function of the Law and the function of the Gospel.

Is law bad and gospel good? Why or why not?

How do we react well to law statements?

How do we react badly to law statements?

How do we react badly to gospel statements?

How do we react well to gospel statements?

What do people actually mean when they use a term like "gospel imperatives"?