

LAW and GOSPEL

Course Outline

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Pre-course video - Presuppositions (21 minutes:26 seconds)

Week 1 - 2 Realms (20:19) and Two Kinds of Righteousness 1 (15:33)

Week 2 - The Law (16:51) and Functions of the Law (12:08)

Week 3 - Three Uses of the Law (20:59)

Week 4 - Two Kinds of Righteousness 2 (12:54) and Two Kinds of Righteousness 3 (4:00) and
Simul Iustus et Peccator (2:37)

Referencing The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel by C.F.W. Walther

Week 5 - Theses intro and overview and Theses 1 and 4

Week 6 - Theses 6 and 7

Week 7 - Theses 8 and 11

Week 8 - Theses 21 and 25

Final Week(s) - Practical use of Law and Gospel

The LAW is _____

The Gospel is _____

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Pre/post-modernism; rationalism; idealism; objective thinking vs. presuppositions

Week 1 - **2 Realms** (20:19) Left hand (Civil, State) and right hand (Church, Spiritual) and
Two Kinds of Righteousness 1 (15:33) Two dimensions – vertical (spiritual) and horizontal (civil);
two realms; Corpus Doctrini; intro to Law and Gospel

Week 2 - **The Law** (16:51) Law and Gospel; dynamic relationship rather than polarity; and
Functions of the Law (12:08) Psalm 119; love the Law; anti-nomianism; works righteousness;
Indicative (Be, Do) vs. Imperative (Must)

Week 3 - **Three Uses of the Law** (20:59) Curb, Mirror, Guide

Week 4 - **Two Kinds of Righteousness 2** (12:54) Vertical/ Horizontal realm; first the Law which leads
to the Gospel which sends you back into the world; and
Two Kinds of Righteousness 3 (4:00) Alien vs. Proper Righteousness
and **Simul iustus et Peccator** (2:37) sinner and Saint (hallmark Lutheran teaching)

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Week 5 - Theses intro and overview and

Thesis 1 - The doctrinal contents of the entire Holy Scripture, both of the Old and the New Testament, are made up of two doctrines differing fundamentally from each other, viz., the Law and the Gospel.

Thesis 4 - The true knowledge of the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is not only a glorious light, affording the correct understanding of the entire Holy Scriptures, but without this knowledge Scripture is and remains a sealed book.

Week 6 - **Theses 6** - The Word of God is not rightly divided when the Law is not preached in its full sternness and the Gospel not in its full sweetness, when, on the contrary, Gospel elements are mingled with the Law and Law elements with the Gospel.

Thesis 7 - The Word of God is not rightly divided when the Gospel is preached first and then the Law; sanctification first and then justification; faith first and then repentance; good works first and then grace.

Week 7 - **Thesis 8** - The Word of God is not rightly divided when the Law is preached to those already in terror on account of their sins, or the Gospel to those who live securely in their sins.

Thesis 11 - The Word of God is not rightly divided when there is a disposition to offer the comfort of the Gospel only to those who have been made contrite by the Law, not from fear of the wrath and punishment of God, but from the love of God.

Week 8 - **Thesis 21** - The Word of God is not rightly divided when men are taught that the Sacraments produce salutary effects *ex opera operato*, by the mere outward performance of a sacramental act.

Thesis 25 - The Word of God is not rightly divided when the person teaching it does not allow the Gospel to have a general predominance in his teaching.

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