

# LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

## Class Discussion Outline



### Lesson:

## *“Law And Gospel”*

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***Law And Gospel:  
The Two Main Teachings Of The Bible***

**I What Is “Law”**

A. The Law tells us...

1. What we should *not* \_\_\_\_\_ (od) (“Thou shalt not...”)
2. What we *should* \_\_\_\_\_(od) (“Thou shalt...”)
3. What happens if we \_\_\_\_\_ the law (reakb)

B. Three kinds of Law

1. Ceremonial: Levitical Code for \_\_\_\_\_ (orwship)
2. Civil: \_\_\_\_\_-mental laws (overgn)
3. Moral: Tell us how to \_\_\_\_\_ (ivel)

C. The greatest example of moral law is the \_\_\_\_\_ -ments

1. Exodus 20
2. Deuteronomy 5

D. The main purpose of the Law is to S\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_

**II The Gospel**

A. The word “Gospel” means \_\_\_\_\_ news (oodg)

1. Originally, it was the message of \_\_\_\_\_ in war (ictoryv)
2. In the Bible, the Gospel is the Good News that Jesus Christ  
\_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins. (asves)

B. The Gospel tells us \_\_\_\_\_ to be saved. (owh)

1. Are you going to heaven?

2. If God asked you why He should let you into heaven, what would you say?

C. The main purpose of the Gospel is to S\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_

D. Examples of Gospel

1. John 3:16

2. Ephesians 2:8-10

3. I John 1: 9

4. Romans 6:23

### **III Law And Gospel Compared**

A. What Are The Differences Between Law and Gospel?

<b>The Law</b>	<b>The Gospel</b>
Shows Our _____	Shows Our _____
Tells What <b>WE</b> Must Do	Tells What <b>JESUS</b> Did For Us
Always Produces Guilt	Always Promises Forgiveness
Always Con-_____s	Always Com-_____s
Promises Eternal Life <i>If</i> Kept Perfectly; Otherwise Hell	Promises Eternal Life Through Jesus' Perfect Life
Depends On OUR Worthiness	Depends Only On Jesus' Worthiness
Based On OUR Initiative	Based on GOD's Initiative

B. Law And Gospel: What's The Difference?

1. Law: Some Biblical Examples

Ezekiel 18:4 (NIV): “The person that sins will die.”

Exodus 20: 5-6 (NIV): “I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand *generations* of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

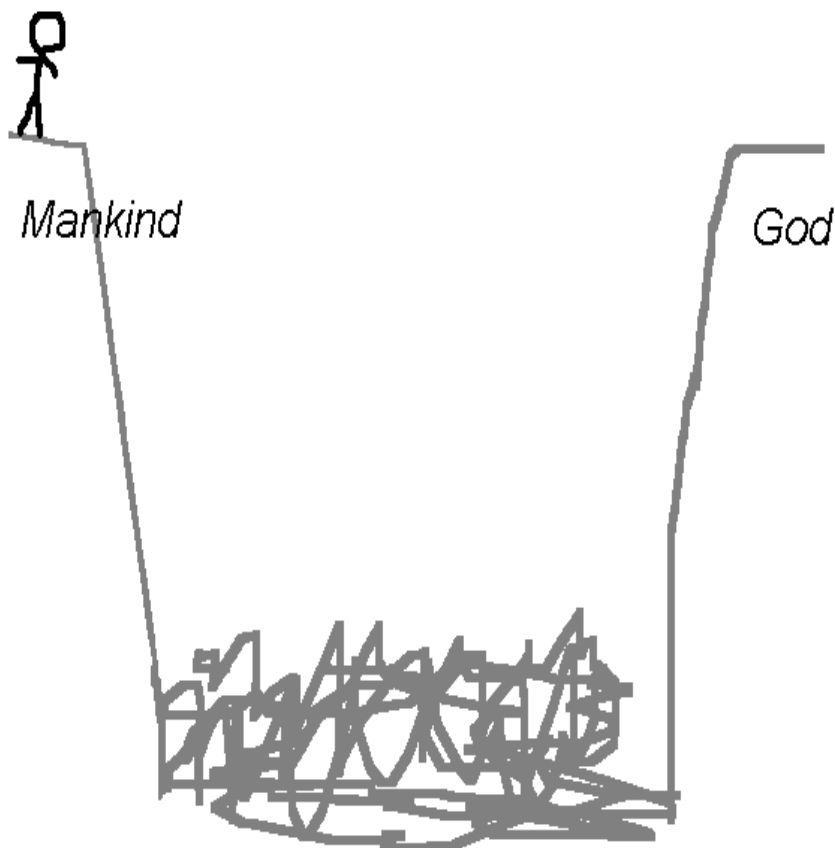
2. Gospel: Some Biblical Examples (From I John 4 [NIV])

v. 10 “This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [Jesus] as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

v. 19 “We **love** because He [Jesus] first loved us.”

**IV. Three Illustrations Of Law And Gospel**

A. The “Bridge Illustration” (Source: *Navigator's Ministry*)



**Key Points:**

1. We can't save \_\_\_\_\_-selves (uro)
2. Only \_\_\_\_\_ can save us (esjsu)

B. The “*Funeral Home*” Illustration

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*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His deep love for us,  
also made us who were dead in sins alive with Christ."  
Ephesians 2:4-5 GWN*

**Key Points:**

1. We can't \_\_\_\_\_ to believe in God (oosech) until  
God chooses us \_\_\_\_\_ (ristf)
2. Only through \_\_\_\_\_ (ussje) are we made  
\_\_\_\_\_ (evila)
3. Romans 6:11

C. The “*Billfold Illustration*”

**Key Points:**

1. We can't \_\_\_\_\_ God's love and salvation (erna)
2. God's riches are given to us \_\_\_\_\_ (reefly)
3. All we can do is to say \_\_\_\_\_! (anksth)
4. We're saved only by God's \_\_\_\_\_ (egrac)

E. Review: What's the Difference Between Law And Gospel?

1. The Law: **S** \_\_\_\_\_ **O** \_\_\_\_\_ **S** \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Gospel: **S** \_\_\_\_\_ **O** \_\_\_\_\_ **S** \_\_\_\_\_

**V Confusing Law And Gospel:**

- A. It's *Danger*: It will send you to \_\_\_\_\_ (7734)
- B. It's *Result*: To make \_\_\_\_\_ the savior from sin (ouy)
- C. Examples (from above). What If...

**For Reflection:**

- 1) For what reasons did God give us the Law?
- 2) Why did God give us the Gospel?
- 3) Why do you believe God made it impossible for sinners to save themselves?