

Catechesis Minute: Law and Gospel

One of the most important teachings in the Lutheran church is Law & Gospel. You've probably heard me or other adults use that phrase in church. It's important because it tells us how we are saved. It's so important that a Lutheran fellow by the name of C.F.W. Walther, way back in the 1800s wrote a book about it and came up with twenty-five rules about how to use Law and Gospel. Now, the good news is this: I'm not going to make you read C.F.W. Walther's Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel or memorize his twenty-five rules. I just want you to remember this.

God gave us the Law to show us His will for our lives and how to live. Because we can't live up to it, it makes us sad because that makes God sad. Knowing we deserve to die for our sin makes us turn to Jesus Christ and ask forgiveness from Him. Because He died on the cross in our place, His blood washes away our sin and cleanses us from all sinfulness. This is the Gospel.

To put it as simply as possible, the Law shows our sin, and the Gospel shows our Savior. All you have to remember is SOS.

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