

LAW vs. GOSPEL

The law says, "This do and you will live."

The gospel says, "Live, and then you will do."

The law says, "Pay me what you owe me."

The gospel says, "I freely forgive you everything."

The law says, "Make yourself a new heart and a new spirit."

The gospel says, "A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."

The law says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

The gospel says, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins."

The law says, "Cursed is every one who doesn't continue in all things written in the book of the law to do them."

The gospel says, "Blessed is the man whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered."

The law says, "The wages of sin is death."

The gospel says, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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The law demands holiness.

The gospel gives holiness.

The law says, "Do."

The gospel says, "Done."

The law extorts the unwilling service of a slave.

The gospel wins the loving service of a son and friend.

The law makes blessings the result of obedience.

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The law places the day of rest at the end of the week's work.

The gospel places it at its beginning.

The law says, "If."

The gospel says, "Therefore."

The law was given for the restraint of the old man.

The gospel was given to bring liberty to the new man.

Under the law, salvation was wages.

Under the gospel, salvation is a gift.

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