

Law and Gospel (With a view towards the Parables)

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We have studied law and Gospel and 16-plus parables in their light.

- Law: commands, shows our sin, kills us
- Gospel: promises, shows Savior, saves us
- The parables with sufficient context seem primarily to be told as law, to show sin.
- Many of the same parables arguably were also told as Gospel to believers.
- The Holy Spirit can use parables to proclaim both law and Gospel to us who are sinner-saints.



Does the law-Gospel distinction illumine Matthew 13:10-17?

- Basically, Jesus says believers get the parables and unbelievers do not.
- Unbelievers are themselves to blame for not understanding or perceiving.
- Repentance in a sense is a "turning point" from law to Gospel.
- We are blessed with eyes that see and ears that hear.



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