

16. Read John 1:17 (pg 9). *Command, or gift?*

17. Both the Law and the Gospel promise eternal life and salvation. Yet these promises differ. What is the difference? (pg 10).

18. Do both the Law and the Gospel offer justification? (pg 10)

19. Read Deuteronomy 27:26 and 1 Timothy 1:15. How does the Law differ from the Gospel according to their threats? (pg 11–12).

20. List three effects of the Law and three effects of the Gospel.

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The First Evening Lecture

1. According to Walther, what is necessary to be “efficient teachers” in our churches and schools? (pg. 5)

2. In what were these teachers to be immersed? (pg. 5)

3. How were these young men to become “really practical theologians”? (pg. 5)

4. What is the foremost and most important Christian doctrine? (pg. 5)

5. What doctrine is second in importance?

6. Those who seek to understand and apply this second most important doctrine are not able to do this alone. Who is necessary?

7. Walther states: "In one passage a free offer of life everlasting is made to all men; in another, men are directed to do something themselves towards being saved." Consider this statement as you compare Mark 10:17–27 (the rich young man), and Acts 16:25–34 (the jailer at Philippi). How is this apparent contradiction or riddle solved?

8. What does Walther aim to demonstrate to his hearers? (pg 6)

9. Before listing the differences between the Law and the Gospel, it is necessary to point out what is *not* different. In what ways do they *not* differ? (p. 6–7)

10. Now list the *true* points of difference between the Law and the Gospel (pg 7)

11. The Law and the Gospel are different with respect to the manner in which they are revealed to man. Read Romans 12:14–15. Is this Law or Gospel? How is it revealed? (pg 7–8).

13. Read Romans 16:25–26. Is this talking about the Law or the Gospel? How is it revealed? (pg 8).

14. What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments? (pg 8)

15. The Law makes demands and issues commands while the Gospel only offers and gives. Read Galatians 3:12 (pg 9). *Command, or gift?*