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Thinking Theologically Law and Gospel

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Agenda

- Law
- Gospel
- How Law and Gospel relate to each other

The Law

- God's Word is composed of Law and Gospel
- Law is anything which commands us or makes demands upon us
 - Restrains outward sin
 - Reveals our sin
 - Shows us what is pleasing to God

The Ten Commandments

- The First Commandment
 - You shall have no other gods.
- The Second Commandment
 - You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
- The Third Commandment
 - Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- The Fourth Commandment
 - Honor your father and your mother.
- The Fifth Commandment
 - You shall not murder.
- The Sixth Commandment
 - You shall not commit adultery.
- The Seventh Commandment
 - You shall not steal.
- The Eighth Commandment
 - You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- The Ninth Commandment
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- The Tenth Commandment
 - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Gospel

- Proclaims and gives forgiveness of sins, reconciliation to God, and eternal life for the sake of Jesus Christ
- Comes to us freely on account of Christ
- Comes through God's means of grace:
 - Proclamation of the Gospel
 - Baptism
 - Lord's Supper

How Law and Gospel Relate to Each Other

- God's Word is composed of Law and Gospel
- God's "proper" work is the forgiveness of sins (through the Gospel)
- God's "alien" work is the condemnation of sin (through the Law), driving us to seek forgiveness