

# JUST WORDS

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS



## Law and Gospel Week of Sept. 25th

### THE MAIN POINT

The Gospel is more than just information, but “the power of God for salvation.” (Romans 1:16)

### KEY TEACHINGS

- The law is God's good will. The bad thing is that it shows us that we want our way, not his.
- The Gospel is God's work of salvation- not man's - accomplished by the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- Gospel literally means "good news." On the one hand it means the whole story of Jesus. On the other hand, it's the personal and particular application of that story to sinners like us.

### Weekly Bible Readings

Monday – Romans 5:1-8

Tuesday – Romans 5:9-17

Wednesday – Romans 5:18-6:4

Thursday – Romans 6:5-14

Friday – Romans 6:15-23

## Reflect

**Q:** Read Romans 10:13-15. Who was influential in bringing the good news to you when you needed it?

**Q:** Luther writes, “The Gospel supplies a longed for remedy to people in anguish.” What gifts does the Gospel bring to people who are in anguish over their sins?

**Q:** See the quote from Walther below. How do Law and Gospel work in partnership with one another. How does losing one create problems for sharing the other?

**Q:** See the last quote from Luther below. How does this help us bring the gospel to people who are difficult?

### Key Quotes:

“We must stake our necks on the liberty of preaching **the gospel.**”  
- Martin Luther

“The Law tells us what we are to do. No such instruction is contained in the Gospel. On the contrary, the Gospel reveals to us only what God is doing. The Law is speaking concerning our works; the Gospel concerning the great works of God.” - C.F.W. Walther, Law and Gospel, 9

“There are two senses of Gospel: In one case the word is used in such a way that we understand by it the entire teaching of Christ, our Lord . . . . In addition, however, the word “gospel” is also used in another (that is, strict) sense. Here it does not include the proclamation of repentance but solely the preaching of God’s grace.” - Formula of Concord V

“No one should ever despise a man who sins, but one should kindly help him as one who shares a common misery.” - Luther

## SERMON NOTES:

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