

Week 34: Harmony of the Law and the Gospel

Scripture Reading:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." - Matthew 5:17

Opening Prayer:

Ask the Lord to deepen your understanding of how the Law and the Gospel work together to reveal His divine plan for salvation.

Devotional:

The Old and New Testaments are not isolated from one another. The Law, as depicted in the Old Testament, points out our imperfections, showcasing our dire need for a Savior. It serves as a mirror, reflecting our sins and our incapacity to attain righteousness solely through our deeds. On the other hand, the Gospel shines with hope, providing the solution to the problem the Law presents. Jesus Christ came not to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. We now live under the transformative power of the Gospel, but it's the Law that brings clarity to why the Gospel is indispensable.

Discussion:

1. How does understanding the purpose of the Law change your perspective on the Old Testament? (Rom. 3:20; 7:7)
2. In what ways does the Gospel of Jesus Christ fulfill the demands of the Law? (Rom. 10:4; Gal. 3:21)
3. How can believers today find balance in appreciating both the Law and the grace given through the Gospel? (Rom. 3:31; 7:22)

Activity:

Create a chart or visual representation that contrasts the demands of the Law with the promises of the Gospel.

Closing Prayer:

Conclude by expressing gratitude for the complete revelation of God's redemptive plan, from the Law to the Gospel, and seek guidance in living a life that reflects this harmony.