



## YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

### LESSON 2: THE TEACHINGS OF THE BIBLE

#### Review

Review the names of the books of the Bible from the last lesson. What are some differences between the books? Who is the author of the whole Bible?

#### What Does the Bible Teach?

What do you know about the *contents* of the Bible? Sometimes people think they know what the Bible says, but they haven't really read it much.

#### Activity

**If you have read in the Bible before:**

Write down three things that the Bible teaches about.

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**If you have not read in the Bible before:**

Write down three things that *you think* the Bible might teach about.

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Look in your Bible (with the pastor's help, if necessary) to see if you can find examples of the things you wrote down. Write the Bible references in the space below.

## The Bible Teaches Us About . . .

The Bible may seem like a big book, but it is really not so large when you think about it. This book includes *everything that God wants us to know* about Him and what He has done for us – and it all fits in about 1600 pages!

In the Bible, God tells us about:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

You could add more to your list too. If we were to write them all down the list would be very long.

## The Small Catechism

The Small Catechism is a summary of what the Bible teaches.



The Small Catechism was written by Martin Luther in 1529. Luther lived in Germany and was originally a member of the Roman Catholic Church. As time went on, he became troubled by what the Catholics were teaching. They were teaching differently than what the Bible taught. He left the Catholic Church and encouraged people to study their own Bibles for themselves instead of listening to false teaching.

Luther was saddened by how many people really didn't know their Bibles. Even some of the pastors in his day could not recite the Lord's Prayer. He decided that families needed some help in learning the basic teachings of the Bible, so he wrote the Small Catechism. In the Small Catechism, Luther tried to explain in simple terms everything that the Bible teaches.

The part of our catechisms which Luther wrote is only a few pages (pp. 5-20), the rest of the book (pp. 28-225) adds extra Bible passages and notes to help us in our study. *Our catechisms can help us to learn what the Bible teaches.*

## The Two Main Teachings

The Bible teaches about many things, but the two *main* teachings of Scripture are:

\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_

These teachings can be summarized as:

- What God expects of us ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- What God has done for us in Christ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

## The Law

- Leviticus 19:2 (39)
- Exodus 20:1-17 (40)
- Matthew 19:17-19

Why do we need God's law?

- **CURB** 1 Timothy 1:9-10 (70)
- **MIRROR** Romans 3:20 (72)
- **GUIDE** Psalm 119:9 (76)

Whenever  
God is telling  
us what He  
expects of us  
or wants us to  
do, that is  
called a  
teaching of  
**LAW**



## Thought Questions

1. When God tells you what to do and what not to do (the Law), how does it make you feel?
2. Read Galatians 3:10 (41). What is the penalty for not keeping God's law?
3. Would you call God's Law *good news* or *bad news*?

# The Bible Is More Than God's Law

Some people think that the Bible is just "God's rule-book" and they think that everything in the Bible is God telling us what to do and what not to do. **The Bible would be a very sad book if it only contained the Law.**

## The Gospel

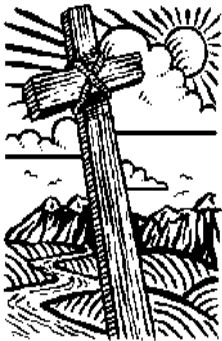
- John 3:16 (47)
- Luke 2:10-11 (48)

The gospel is the *good news* that Jesus came to save us from our sins. Anything that is related to this work of Jesus is gospel too. Such as . . .

- We will go to **heaven** (because Jesus paid for our sins)
- We have **forgiveness** (our sins are taken away by Jesus)
- We have **no worries** about the future (God takes care of us)

The Law gives us bad news, but the word Gospel means \_\_\_\_\_ !

**The GOSPEL**  
is the good  
news that  
Jesus kept  
God's Law for  
us and then  
died on the  
cross to pay  
the penalty for  
our sins.



## We Need the Gospel Because

- It tells us how Jesus kept the Law perfectly for us
- It tells us how Jesus has died to pay for our sins
- It tells us how God has saved us from eternal death (hell)
- We could not "figure out" God's plan of salvation on our own

## Activity

Are these passages mostly **LAW (L)** or mostly **GOSPEL (G)**:

Exodus 20:7 \_\_\_\_\_ John 3:16 \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrews 9:15 \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:8 \_\_\_\_\_ Deuteronomy 18:9 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Corinthians 5:21 \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_

## The Law and the Gospel Are the Same

- They are both words from God
- They both have something important to say to us

## The Law and the Gospel Are Different

Fill in the chart below to help you see the differences between the Law and the Gospel.

**LAW**

**GOSPEL**



### Memory Passage

John 3:16 (47) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

## Assignment

- Recite the memory passage for this lesson
- Be able to explain the two main teachings of the Bible

## Study Review

1. List the two main teachings of the Bible and tell the main difference between them.
2. Who wrote the *Small Catechism*?
3. What is the *Small Catechism*?
4. List three things the Bible teaches us about.