

Discussion Questions

Session Three: Distinguishing Law and Gospel

ANALYZE

Discrimination between different foods and medicines is not merely an intellectual exercise. It can be, in some situations, a matter of life and death. So, it is with those desiring to be fed with and healed by God's Holy Word.

In light of passages read in the previous questions, why is it so vitally important that every Christian understand the difference between God's Word of Law and His Word of Gospel?

How may a proper understanding of the distinction between Law and Gospel affect the way in which you daily read and study the Bible?

APPLICATION

We do hear a lot about discrimination. But perhaps not enough! Paul warns us that God's Word must be correctly handled; he informs us that the Law is good-but only if used properly. In humble thanksgiving for this precious gift of God's Word, the Christian responds with the desire to use this gift faithfully and properly, distinguishing carefully between Law and Gospel.

How might you respond to the oversimplified comment that the Old Testament contains the Law while the New Testament contains?