

# Discussion Questions

## *Session Five: Law, Gospel, and Justification*

### ANALYZE

Thanks be to God! We have no need of appealing to the Law. Thanks be to God! We have been redeemed from the Law! Jesus Himself suffered what we lawfully deserved, giving us instead a free and unearned pardon.

As you consider Jesus' relationship with the Law, what comfort can you take in the circumstances of His birth, life, and death?

In the light of question 52, what means are available to assist you to "continue in the faith, stable and steadfast" (Colossians 1:23)? Why is it particularly important that the Christian make use of these means?

### APPLICATION

The Christian can indeed proclaim, "I was perfectly justified!" This claim can be made confidently even in the court of God Himself. But it is not made with an appeal to the Law. The Christian instead appeals to Christ, whose perfect life and perfect death are the basis for our perfect justification.

How might you respond to a friend who believes that both believing the Gospel and obeying the Law are necessary for salvation? In simple language, how might you clarify the distinctive purposes of Law and Gospel?