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Lesson Finished: ____

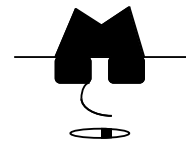
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Comprehension Exercise
Lesson #1
Law & Gospel

I. Cram the Memorization into your brain

- A. Write (or type) the memory work out
- B. Say it out loud
- C. Erase or white out one word
- D. Go back to step B, and repeat until the whole thing is gone
- E. Do something else for 10+ minutes
- F. Say it to yourself to make sure you know it
- G. Review before Confirmation class or Sunday School. I will be available 10 minutes before class Wednesday to hear recitations or to watch you write it.

II. Did you do a Secret Service yet this month? If not, plan one now!



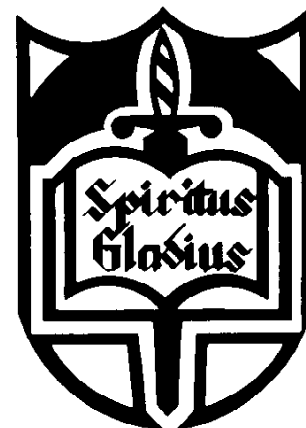
III. Defining Terms

Define the following terms from the memorization:

- A. sinned
- B. fall short
- C. glory
- D. God
- E. justified
- F. grace
- G. redemption

IV. Unsheathe Your Sword!

- A. Read Romans 3:19-31
- B. Can anyone be saved by works of the law?
- C. Why (or why not)?
- D. How are we made righteous?
- E. What part do works play in your being justified?



V. Getting the details

- A. Look at each of the following statements. If it's Law, mark with an "L". If it's Gospel, mark with a "G".

_____ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, NIV.

_____ “For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:13,14, NIV.

_____ “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” Psalms 51:5, NIV.

_____ “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--” Romans 5:12, NIV.

_____ “...every inclination of man’s heart is evil from childhood...” Genesis 8:21, NIV.

_____ ““I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.” Exodus 20:2, NIV.

_____ ““You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3, NIV.

B. How is God’s Law like a...

1. Curb
2. Mirror
3. Guidebook

C. Which saves, Law or Gospel?

D. How is Christianity different from *every* other religion in the *history* of the world?

E. Why do you believe you’ll go to heaven when you die?

VI. Tying it in

God’s Word is like a spider web. All the parts are connected and depend on each other and are related.

A. Compare Law/Gospel & the 5th Petition of the Lord’s Prayer.

1. Name 2 things they have in common¹, and be specific.

- a.
- b.

2. How is this *wrong* teaching dangerous to the soul²:

“Where I come from, people tryin’ to make a livin’ and workin’ hard to get to heaven, where I come from.”
—from a country song

VII. What’s the Point?

A. Imagine yourself in this situation. Given what you’ve learned from this lesson, how can you respond?

You and a friend are talking about the fighting in the Middle East, and he says, “I don’t understand why the Jews and Muslims are fighting. I mean, we all worship the same God anyway, right?”

B. What could you say?

¹No answers like, “They both have to do with God.”

²Hint: Figure out how this would negate “Jesus, true God & true man, took my place on the cross so I can live forever with Him in the heaven & new creation, and I am saved 100% because of what *He* has done for *me*.”