

What Drives My Life? A Study in Law and Gospel

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1. The Word of God

Incarnate

Inscripturated

Proclaimed

A textbook?

A life-style manual?

Static or dynamic?

2. The dual action of the Word of God

Demands from us (=the law)

Gives to us (=the gospel)

3. The law-driven life (slavery)

Threat

Fear

Guilt and shame

4. The theological & pastoral problems involved here

5. The gospel-driven life (freedom)

re-creation in Christ: baptism

a new relationship with God: faith/trust

a new attitude to the neighbour : love

6. Biblical examples

Paul's letters

Specific texts

Doing what is 'fitting' or 'proper'

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