

# **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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