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# The Diagnosis and the Cure

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# Who can live with God?

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- Those who are blameless.
  - do what is right
  - speak the truth and do not slander

# Who can live with God?

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- do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;
- who despise the wicked and honor God-fearers

# Who can live with God?

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- who honor those who fear the Lord;
- who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

# Who can live with God?

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- who do not lend money at interest or take a bribe against the innocent.

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◦ Who  
can live  
with  
God?

- Those who **do** these things shall never be moved.
- Who **is** that?
- It's **not** me.

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◦ Who  
can live  
with  
God?

• If that's all I  
have to do, I  
cannot live  
with God.

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◦ Who  
can live  
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God?

• This is the  
law.

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  - Who can live with God?

- “The Law diagnoses the disease.”  
(Martin Luther)

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Poor  
Mourners  
All

- The Law shows us our poverty of spirit

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# Poor Mourners All

- The Law drives us to mourn our sins

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Poor  
Mourners  
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- The Law *is* the blessing and favor of God.

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Poor  
Mourners  
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- The Law prepares us for the Gospel.

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◦ Who  
can live  
with  
God?

- A translation problem
- He Who is Blameless.
- There is Only One.

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# The Gospel

- The one who died, died for us.
- The One who lives, lives again for us.

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# The Gospel

- In the Holy Eucharist we receive his forgiveness and life.

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# The Gospel

- “The Gospel provides the cure.”  
(Martin Luther)

# The Gospel

- The favor of God will rest on us as he changes us from the inside out into his people:



# The Gospel

- The meek and the merciful
- The hungry for righteousness
- The pure and the peaceful and the persecuted
- The people prepared for the world to come

