Foolish Virgins



Law and Gospel

- What does the Law do?



For the Law has its terminus [purpose] defining how far it is to go and what it is to achieve, namely, to terrify the impenitent with the wrath and displeasure of God and drive them to Christ.”

Law and Gospel

- What does the Gospel do?



“...the Gospel is a light that illumines hearts and makes them alive. It discloses what grace and the mercy of God are; what the forgiveness of sins, blessing, righteousness, life, and eternal salvation are, and how to obtain these.”

The Law of Matthew 25

- The three parables
- What we must *do*.



The Law of Matthew 25

- This is the Law.
- The parable drives us to despair!



The Law of Matthew 25

- We are all foolish virgins.
- Good Friday disciples



Where is the Gospel?

- It breaks in from the outside.
- The last great in-breaking.



Where is the Gospel?

- Comfort one another with these words.
- Coming worthily to the altar.

