

# ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

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## *“Epiphany”*

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study

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# Announcements

- WELCOME BACK!
- Online Prayer resource

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praying hands

We three kings of Orient are,  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star.

O...star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

O...star of wonder, start of night,  
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Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

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# God's Word in Two Words --Tullian Tchividjian

## Law...Gospel



Law

God's word of demand:  
what to do

Gospel

God's word of deliverance:  
what God has done





# The Law:

## CAN

illuminates sin  
shows us godliness  
inform our sin  
defeat  
accuse us

## CANNOT

eliminate sin  
make us godly  
transform the sinner  
deliver  
cannot absolve us



# The Gospel:

forgives our sins

acquits and exonerates us

delivers

brings life

transforms our hearts

Christ in us!

abundant life



“We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe. But at the same time, we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope!”

--Tim Keller



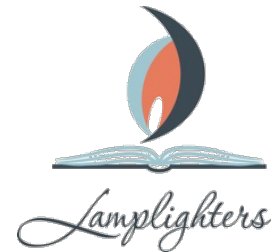
# Views of the Law

“A low view of the law produces legalism; a high view of the law makes a person a seeker after grace.”

--J. Gresham Machen

“Cheap law tells us that we’ve fallen but we can get back up again...therein lies the great heresy of cheap law: it is a fake gospel...and it nullifies grace.”

--John Dink



# Big “L” and little “l”

Big L—comes from God; the 10 commandments;  
Sermon on the Mount; Jesus’ summary of  
the greatest commandment

little l—comes from self, culture, world; must  
do or be something to merit approval or  
acceptance; must, ought

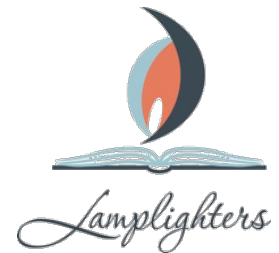
“It is finished!”



# Epiphany

Greek word translated “coming”, “appearing,”  
“manifestation”

How was Christ’s divine nature revealed to you  
during Advent?



# Epiphany

a sudden, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by something simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.











