

13. The Law prepares the ground for the Gospel. What is the first step on the road to salvation? (pg 65 bottom)

14. Martin Chemnitz was the most important theologian of the late 16th century. What did he say is the “principal matter” in correctly understanding justification? (pg 66 top)

15. Was Luther the first person to recognize the corruption of the Christian church and try to reform it? (pg 66 middle)

16. What critical warning does Walther issue to the young seminarians in his audience? (pg 66 bottom)

The Eighth Evening Lecture

1. Jewish scholars of the middle ages taught that the Bible had a secret meaning hidden in scriptural numbers (the *cabala*). Catholic theology says that the Bible is so difficult that we need church tradition to interpret it correctly. But what did Martin Luther say? (pg 59)

2. Walther says that, as long as you stick to the clear words of Scripture, it is absolutely impossible to *do what?* (pg 60)

3. What is the most important requirement for anyone who wants to understand the teachings of Holy Scripture? (pg 60 bottom)

4. If you don't understand the distinction between Law and Gospel, what does the Bible appear to be full of? (pg 61 top)

5. Some think that the Old Testament of the Bible is about the Law, and the New Testament is about the Gospel. Is this true? (pg 62 top)

6. Walther says that the writings of the early church fathers show a good understanding of Law and Gospel up to about the 500s A.D. What happened after that? (pg 62)

7. What problem did even Martin Luther suffer from in the early part of his career? (pg 62 bottom)

8. Walther shows how distinguishing Law and Gospel among his parishioners is absolutely vital in the work of a pastor. But what is of *paramount* importance? (pg 63 bottom)

9. How far apart should Law and Gospel be separated? What answer does the Apology of the Augsburg Confession give? (pg 64 top)

10. According to Walther, who alone can “lie down and die in peace,” and why? (pg 64 bottom)

11. Some preachers are considered very effective because their sermons are terrifying. But what is often the *reason* for this? (pg 65 middle)

12. Sadly, many churchgoers end up on their deathbed still uncertain about whether they are really saved. Whose fault is this? (pg 65)