

The Twelfth Evening Lecture

16. When one Christian absolves (pronounces forgiveness upon) another, what is he in effect doing? (pg 108 top)

17. When “the hammer of the Law” crushes us, whom should we run away from? Whom should we run toward? (pg 109)

18. In another letter, Luther comforts a friend by reminding him that “...Christ dwells only in sinners.” In fact, he says, if the way to achieve peace of conscience is by our own toil and worry, there is another question we have to ask – *what is that?* (pg 110)

19. What does Jesus want every sinner to believe? (last paragraph)

1. What kind of preachers does Walther call “poor and useless”? (pg 99)

2. What did every hearer feel who listened Jesus’ and the Apostles’ preaching (pg 100)

3. Is it enough for a preacher to *have* a special aim? (pg 100 bottom)

4. To what kind of sinners *only* must the Law be preached? The Gospel? (pg 101)

5. Christ speaks through the Old Testament prophet Isaiah in Is. 61:1–3. To whom was Christ sent to “preach good tidings?” Whose wounds did He come to heal? (pg 101)

6. How much “evangelical consolation” should we give to someone who is secure in his or her sins? On the other hand, how much “threat or rebuke” should we give to the brokenhearted and repentant sinner? (pg 102)

7. Look up John 8:3–11. Here Jesus read repentance in a sinful woman’s heart. Was His word to her in v. 11 Law or Gospel?

8. When the sinner Zacchaeus came to Jesus, did the Lord “go over the record of his sins with him”? (pg 102 bottom)

9. The Prodigal Son was repentant. Did he receive Law or Gospel from his father? (pg 103)

10. What were Paul’s words to the repentant jailer of Philippi? Was that Law or Gospel? (pg 104 top)

11. Pages 104ff. contain a long discussion of a letter Luther wrote to his friend Spalatin when Spalatin was in despair over a sin he had committed. Luther said that “the most horrible sin” was not the mistake Spalatin had made, but *what?* (pg 105 middle)

12. We are sinful mortals, says Luther, and we should not be surprised when we fall into sin. But what is the terrible part? (pg 106 top)

13. Is Jesus Christ only our Savior when we want to “be rid of imaginary, nominal or childish sins”? (pg 106)

14. If we “make our sins small,” what are we also automatically doing? (pg 106)

15. Dr. Staupitz was Luther’s mentor and confessor. What did he once tell Luther when Luther was distressed over his sins? (pg 107 top)