

15. Walther compares a Christian's experiences to bread. What kind of bread does a new Christian get? A more experienced Christian? (pg 204 middle.)

16. "What a kind father, then, is God to his Christians!" Says Walther. Why? (pg 205top.)

17. What must happen before men can experience God's goodness, test it and prove it to be true? (pg 205.)

18. Some Christians rely on their own feelings or experiences. What did Luther say about this? (pg 205 bottom.)

19. Where did Mary and Joseph finally find the 12-year-old Jesus? Where must we find him? (pg 206 middle.)

20. On page 207, Walther sums up the problem with the Reformed ("fanatical") sects. What is it?

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## The Nineteenth Evening Lecture

1. The "Pietists" insisted that you couldn't claim to be a real Christian unless you could do what? (pg 193 top.)

2. Walther grants that many of the Pietists were well-intentioned people. Then why did the Pietists insist that anyone ought to be able to remember the very moment of his conversion? (pg 194 bottom.)

3. Up till now, Walther has been discussing those who base their faith on their feelings. Now he turns to those who say the opposite -- that you can be a Christian and not have any feelings at all! How does Walther describe the second class of people? (pg 195 middle).

4. Will every Christian have *some* kind of feeling about his faith? What does the Bible say in Romans 8:16, Romans 5:1 and Romans 14:7? (pg 196.)

5. Lutherans do not teach that one should base his salvation and his state of grace on his feeling. But what do we *also* not teach? (pg 196 bottom.)

6. Luther constantly urged people to have a bold and courageous faith. But how can we do that if we know that we are sinners? (pg 198 top.)

7. Walther lamented that, in his miserable times, such courageous faith was rare. What two kinds of people did he observe instead? (pg 199 middle.)

8. In fact, Walther says, every Christian will always have two kinds of feelings simultaneously within his heart. What are they? (pg 200 top.)

9. At this point Walther returns to his discussion of Thesis Nine. When it comes to feeling and believing, which of the two comes before the other? (pg 201 top.)

10. The apostle John said, “if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart.” Our heart is indeed a judge, but what’s the good news about that? (pg 201 bottom.)

11. A person who experiences “darkness, great anguish, grievous doubts, and divers afflictions” may be spiritually dead, or he might be an afflicted believer — how can you tell the difference? (pg 202 middle.)

12. Many people — in our day, too — associate Christian faith with having pleasant feelings. But when do these often vanish? (pg 203 middle.)

13. We come to Jesus to find comfort when our sins torment us. But the “fanatics” teach that the comfort of Christ is only conveyed by what? (pg 203 middle.)

14. According to Luther, when does true faith “give credence”? (204 top.)