

16. What is one of the main differences about the contrition that applies to people who are *already Christians*? (pg 254 bottom.)

17. The Smalcald Articles quote Romans 1:18 — “*The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.*” How does this confession characterize passages like this? And what is their effect on the sinner? (pg 255 middle.)

18. But to this function of the Law, what does the New Testament immediately add? (pg 255 bottom.)

19. What was one reason why it was impossible for the Roman Catholic church to preach correctly on contrition and repentance? (pg 256 middle.)

20. The Catholics pronounce absolution on a sinner even when he is *not* contrite, but only *wishes* to have contrition. Why? (pg 257 bottom)

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1. What is the main job of a pastor? (pg 247 top.)

2. Not only is preaching the most important function of the ministry, says Walther, it is also what? (pg 247 bottom.)

3. Walther contrasts administering the sacraments, which is easy, with preaching, which is hard. What are the successive goals to be achieved by an effective preacher? (pg 248 middle.)

4. Walther’s main subject in this thesis is the contrition that precedes faith — i.e., contrition in an *unbeliever* (he will treat the *believer’s* contrition later, pg 254). What does Walther immediately admit about contrition? (pg 249 middle.)

5. Contrition is necessary, Walther admits, but what is one important fact that we should never forget about contrition? (pg 249 bottom.)

6. What are two reasons Walther gives why saying that “contrition is a cause of forgiveness” is an unacceptable mingling of Law and Gospel? (pg page 250 top.)

7. Walther says that Lutheran preachers err by either demanding too little contrition, or demanding too much. How much contrition is sufficient for admitting a person to Jesus? (pg 251 middle.)

8. A pastor may have a member who is very contrite about one particular sin. That’s as it should be, but what problem may remain? (pg 251 bottom.)

9. On the other hand, some pastors demand too much contrition by describing to their members what? (pg 252 middle.)

10. Walther admits that these texts do *describe* David’s repentance. But what do they not *prescribe*? (pg 252 bottom.)

11. After David simply confessed his sin to Nathan, how long did Nathan wait before pronouncing forgiveness? (pg 253 top.)

12. The Pietists said that faith had to be preceded by a long time of penitence. In fact what warning did they issue to people? What’s the problem with that? (pg 253 middle.)

13. “If we may assume, in all reasonableness, that a person has been pried loose from his self-righteousness and wants to be saved by grace alone,” what should we do? (pg 253 bottom.)

14. What’s one big problem with telling an alarmed sinner he cannot yet come to Jesus? (pg 254 top.)

15. What is one of the main reasons why many mingle Law and Gospel on the subject of contrition? (pg 254 middle.)