

16. Walther says that, had Adam and Eve not sinned, *all* their works and labor would be good and God-pleasing. But what is the situation now, because of sin? (pg 305 top).

17. But after a person has truly been born again by the power of the Spirit, even *what* sort of things are truly good works? (pg 305 middle).

18. What is Luther's easy rule about the relationship between pious *works* and pious *people*? (pg 306 top).

19. Referencing Matthew 7:18, how does Luther restate the same truth in terms of *trees* and *fruit*? (pg 306 middle).

20. How does Luther restate the same truth in terms of a carpenter and a house? (pg 306 bottom).

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The Twenty-Eighth Evening Lecture

1. Sometimes a pastor may spend much effort writing a sermon (or portion of a sermon) that seems very eloquent and forceful to him. But he must throw it away and start over if he discovers *what*? (pg 296 middle.)

2. A preacher should not rely on his hearers to understand his statements correctly. Rather, how must he speak? (pg 297 top)

3. Mistakes like these can happen especially if the pastor omits *what* practice in preparing his sermon? (pg 297 bottom).

4. The Rationalists of Walther's day taught that people could become different beings by doing *what*? In contrast to this, what does the Word of God teach? (pg 299 bottom).

5. Trying to be saved by overcoming your own bad habits is like doing *what* to a river? (pg 300 top).

6. Walther points out that a common word for *repent* in the New Testament is the Greek word μετανοεῖτε. This does not mean “change your habits,” but rather *what*? (pg 300 middle).

7. Nicodemus, a Pharisee, approached Jesus with flattering complements, expecting Jesus’ approval. What does Jesus do instead? (pg 300 bottom).

8. What does Matthew 12:33 – regarding trees and fruit – have to do with this subject? (pg 300 middle).

9. 1 Corinthians 13:3 – regarding “charity” (love) – also bears on this subject. What does Walther say is “all-important”? (pg 302 middle).

10. Why is it “blindness” to try to make people godly by urging them to do good works? (pg 302 bottom).

11. Walther brings several examples of people who may cease their bad habits for a while – drunkards who stop drinking, profane who stop cursing, etc. Does the mere cessation of the bad habits make such a person a Christian? (pg 303 top).

12. If a congregation was so stingy as to withhold the pastor’s salary, he might think that they need a “sharp sermon to open their purses.” Is that what they need? (pg 303 middle).

13. Luther says that ALL works are “worthless and futile” if what prerequisite is not met? (pg 303 bottom).

14. Doing outward good works and living uprightly, Luther says, will keep you away from “Master Hans the Hangman” (civil authority). But for what purpose are good works completely worthless? (pg 304 middle).

15. Nicodemus considered himself an upstanding and honored citizen of Jerusalem. But Jesus said that in order to obtain eternal life he instead needed to consider himself as...*what*? How is this done? (pg 304 bottom).