

19. Luther decries the “miserable theologasters” who teach that venial sins are not serious. What does Luther warn is “not a trifling matter”? (pg 331 top)

20. People who are not concerned about “venial” sins are doing *what* according to Luther? (pg 331 middle)

21. “venial sins” are indeed serious, but Luther goes even further. Not even *what* can bear the scrutiny of God’s judgment? (pg 331 middle)

22. What fact about God’s justice does Walther say we must constantly remind ourselves of? (pg 331 bottom)

23. What timeless truth was expressed by the 17th century theologian Johann Dannhauer? (pg 332 top)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel
by CFW Walther
The Thirty-First Evening Lecture

1. What does Walther refer to as “two of the greatest problems with which the mind of man is wrestling”? (pg 324 top)

2. Complete the sentence: “it is a pity that even in the midst of Christendom there are people without number, both baptized and unbaptized, who...” (pg 324 middle)

3. Therefore, Walther says, one of the most important prerequisites of the pastoral ministry is *what*? (pg 325 top)

4. Walther says that a distinction must be made between “mortal” and “venial” sins. They differ as to their effect. What is the effect of mortal sins upon the believer who commits them? (pg 325 middle)

5. What are “venial” sins? (pg 325 bottom)

6. A minister who preaches Gospel without first preaching Law is like a sower who does what? (pg 326 top)

7. What is one reason why Christians dare not treat even the slightest Law of God as a matter of no importance? (pg 326 bottom)

8. As bad as it is to regard certain sins as unimportant, what's even worse? (pg 327 top)

9. The Law must be preached! It's true that God is Love, but He is also what? (pg 327 middle)

10. In Matt. 12, 36 Christ says: *I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the Day of Judgment.* How must Christians view even such "idle words"? (pg 327 bottom)

11. Suppose God's Law had a thousand Commandments, how many would we have to break to be eternally condemned? Which passage tells us that? (pg 328 top)

12. I John 1, 7 we read: *The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin.* This passage obviously tells us about the wonderful grace of God! But it also implies something about sin, which is what? (pg 328 middle)

13. Walther makes the point that sin is rebellion against God. God is the king who has posted his "manifesto" (the Law) to the world. What does the sinner in effect do to that manifesto? (pg 328 bottom)

14. How is a real Christian, though he be a sinner, unlike a brazen criminal? (pg 328 bottom)

15. Matthew 5:21 – 22 is a revealing passage. What is Jesus' point? (pg 329 middle)

16. According to Walther, what is the true nature even of so-called "venial" sins? (pg 329 bottom)

17. The Roman Catholics have a downright anti-Christian doctrine on this matter. What do they teach about venial sins? (pg 330 top)

18. Which false teaching does Luther say amounts to "trampling Paul and Christ underfoot"? (pg 330 bottom)