

19. Even the Lutheran confessions, for example the introduction to the book of Concord, do not condemn the simple members of heterodox churches. Rather, what and who do they condemn? (pg340 top)

20. How might the way a child was raised affect what church he belongs to, but not affect his eternal salvation? (pg 340 bottom)

21. The St. Bartholomew's massacre was a notorious incident that took place in France in 1572, in which French Catholics slaughtered as many as 30,000 French Calvinists (known as Huguenots). What rumor soon began to spread in Germany? How did the confessors react? (pg 341 middle)

22. What false teaching does the Catholic Church use to dissuade people from leaving its ranks? (pg 342 middle)

23. Which false teaching of the Catholic Church was most difficult for Luther, personally, to get over? (pg 342 bottom)

24. In what sense only was Walther willing to say that "the Lutheran Church is indeed the true visible Church"? (pg 343 top)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The Thirty-Second Evening Lecture

1. About the time of the American Revolution, "rationalism" became the dominant Protestant trend in Europe. What does Walther say was one "inevitable consequence" of rationalism? (pg 332 bottom)

2. Even with the overwhelming success of rationalism, there was a small remnant of sincere Christians. What did they still believe and confess? (pg 332 bottom)

3. In 1817, Emperor Frederick William III of Prussia forcibly merged the Lutheran and Reformed denominations. What was the effect of this on "multitudes of Lutherans"? (pg 333 middle)

4. Unfortunately, after this Lutheran spiritual revival some teachers went too far. What did they begin to teach about the Lutheran Church? (pg 334 top)

5. It is an awful error to equate any earthly denomination with the universal Church of all believers. But what does Walther say is the "mother" of this awful error? (pg 334 middle)

6. Jesus said, “*Upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Matt. 16, 18. What was the “rock” that Jesus was referring to? (pg 334 bottom)

7. Walther uses several scriptural pictures to show that (unlike the Lutheran Church) the holy Christian Church contains no unbelievers, or hypocrites. Which parable have some people cited in objection to this? What is Walther’s answer? (pg335 bottom)

8. In parables like this (wheat and tares, the dragnet, the marriage feast), Jesus does not describe the *essence* of the Church, but rather what? (pg 336 top)

9. We can see people going to church, but what can we not see? (pg 336 middle)

10. In what way, according to Walther, have Lutherans simply “changed weapons” with the papists? (pg 336 bottom)

11. What is the very worst aspect of this error? (pg 337 middle)

12. We certainly esteem our Lutheran Church highly, but which notion do we hope stays far away from us? (pg 337 middle)

13. What false inference do some draw from the fact that Scripture speaks of external communities (Rome, Corinth, Philippi, Thessalonica, etc.) as *church*? (pg 337 bottom)

14. How is the way Scripture speaks of “the church” similar to the way we speak of “a stack of wheat,” or “a glass of wine”? (pg 338 top)

15. Isaiah 55:11 promises, “*My Word shall not return unto Me void.*” Why is this a comfort even when it comes to *false-teaching churches*? (pg 338 middle)

16. Teaching that the visible Lutheran church is the “alone – saving church” is definitely a false doctrine. But why is it also a mingling of Law and Gospel? (pg 338 bottom)

17. It is certainly true that members of false teaching churches can be saved. But what conclusion should we be careful *not* to draw from that fact? (pg 339 top)

18. Our church does not claim to be the only church in which one may be saved! But what claim can and should we make? (pg 339 middle)