

17. Complete this sentence: “Just as Scripture does not teach (as the simplest Christian knows) that the mere outward act of hearing the Word saves any one, just as little does it teach...” (pg 357 bottom)

18. What does the Apology to the Augsburg Confession say is “absolutely a Jewish opinion”? Why do you think they call it that? (358 middle)

19. To Roman Catholics, one of the most important church fathers who can be quoted is St. Augustine. Yet what did Augustine state about the sacrament? (pg 359 top)

20. Franz Delitzsch (1813-1890) was a Lutheran theologian who rejected many of the excesses of the “modernists.” But what shocking statement did Delitzsch make about Baptism? (pg 360 top)

21. The foregoing shocking statements cannot be true. Walther points out that, if the body of Christ contains these unbelievers, then... (pg 360 bottom)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The Thirty-Fourth and Evening Lecture

1. Already in Walther’s day, he said, if you insisted that pure doctrine is a very important thing what were you at once suspected of? (pg 348 middle)

2. The words “doctrine,” or “dogma,” are often used to represent something dusty, out of date, and useless. But Walther reminds us that doctrine is nothing more than... *what?* (pg 349 top)

3. Some theologians say, “Bah! We are seeking after truth, but only a conceited, self-satisfied person will claim to have achieved it.” But what does Jesus say in John 8: 38? (pg 349 middle)

4. Orthodox Lutherans continue to insist that even a single false doctrine is a deadly serious matter, as Paul also states in Galatians 5:7-9. In fact, says Walther, what is a single false teaching able to do? (pg 350 middle)

5. The Gospel says “believe!” The Law says “do!” What happens to this arrangement if the mere act of participating in the sacraments brings grace all by itself (*ex opere operato*)? (pg 351 middle)

6. Walther points out once again the absurdity of claiming that mere hearing the word of God could save a person without faith. But if “the Word that is preached will not benefit a person unless he believes it, neither will...” (pg 351 bottom)

7. How is saving faith like receiving a present? (pg 352 top)

8. Who is doing the work in holy baptism? (pg 352 bottom)

9. Walther emphasizes Jesus words of institution before the Lord’s supper, which emphasize that his disciples are to receive this gift in faith. What words should a communicant keep “shining before his eyes” as he prepares to come to the Lord’s supper? (pg 353 middle)

10. In Rom. 4, 11 we read: “He [Abraham] received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith.” How does Walther say this is similar to the Lord’s supper? (pg 353 bottom)

11. As usual, when Walther refers to the “fanatics,” he means the Reformed — those who do not believe that the Word and sacraments are themselves the means of grace. What do these false teachers say about baptism? (pg 354 bottom)

12. What has the Lutheran Church at no time ever taught concerning salvation? (pg 355 top)

13. By “modern theologians,” Walther means those modern scholars who reject the inspiration and inerrancy of Scripture. Some of them declared that “baptism is regeneration.” But what do Lutherans teach on this? (pg 355 middle)

14. According to the Augsburg confession, *for what purpose* were the sacraments ordained? (pg 356 top)

15. What will the mere act of baptism earn for a person if it is not accompanied by faith? (pg 356 bottom)

16. Paul says, in Rom. 10, 17: ‘*Faith cometh by hearing.*’ just as the Word enters the ear to strike the heart, so the rite of Communion strikes... (pg 357 middle)