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19. Luther doesn't mind when his critics accuse him of being too "sweet" a preacher. They would speak differently if they had ever had *what* experience? (pg 410 bottom)

20. What does Walther pray that people will say about the future preachers he is addressing? (pg 411-412)

21. Luther addresses the passage in which Jesus says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." What do many people imagine – wrongly – that this means? (pg 412 bottom)

22. What does that mean? What is the "real and proper fruit" that should be displayed by all Christians, especially spiritual leaders? (pg 413 top)

23. According to Luther, who is the preacher who is truly "doing the will of God"? (pg 413 middle)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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1. When it comes to professions, some people look down on garbage collectors, others despise lawyers or politicians. But which profession, according to Walther, comes in for the most contempt and hatred? (pg 401 middle)

2. What do many church leaders, themselves, do to make the world's attitude toward the Christian faith even worse? (pg 401 bottom)

3. Despite this almost universal contempt of Christian ministers, Walther urges his theology students not to be deterred from their vocation. Why not? What two encouraging factors does he cite? (pg 402 top)

4. The way in which Walther introduces his 25th Thesis is striking. He says, "in studying this thesis, we shall ponder..." (pg 403 top)

5. Who was the first Gospel preacher after Christ had been born into the world? (pg 403 middle)

6. Yes, we have to preach the Law — but what is the only purpose for doing that? (pg 404 top)

7. Walther discusses Mark 16:16, “*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*” The first part is obviously Gospel, but what about the second part? (pg 404 middle)

8. Walther calls the explicit Gospel the “real doctrine of Christ.” What does he call the Law? (pg 405 top)

9. Walther says that a New Testament preacher is a Gospel preacher. What function is he discharging when he proclaims the Law? (pg 405 middle)

10. What do passages like 1 Corinthians 15:3 tell us about the priorities in Paul’s ministry? (pg 406 top)

11. When truly evangelical preachers stand in their pulpits, they should not look as though they are inviting their hearers to a... (pg 406 middle)

12. What is the reason, in Walther’s view, why so many ministers’ hearers remain sleepy, their misers remain stingy? (pg 406 middle)

13. A preacher may conclude, “I have presented both Law and Gospel!” But what does Walther call “the very finest form of confounding both”? (pg 406 bottom)

14. Every preacher, when he finishes writing his sermon, should be able to say *what?* (pg 407 top)

15. Walther quotes the Lutheran Confessions and Martin Luther himself to show how the Gospel must predominate. What is it that Luther says “reigns” in his heart? (pg 408 middle)

16. Some of the Reformed (“sectarians”) use similar language to Lutherans, but what does one immediately notice about their sermons? (pg 409 middle)

17. What risk does the preacher run when he gives the Gospel very little space in his sermon? (pg 409 bottom)

18. On the other hand, a preacher who freely dispenses the sweet Gospel that he himself has experienced will soon notice what? (pg 410)