

15. What if we credit a person for even a *small* share in his salvation? What are we, in effect, doing? (pg 40).

16. Walther refers to the Predestinarian Controversy, which during his lifetime shook American Lutheranism. How did the distinction between Law and Gospel affect that controversy? (pg 40)

17. We sometimes view our salvation as if it were a one-time event. But what will we realize – and marvel over – when we reach heaven? (pg 40–41)

18. The most comforting preaching in the world is of no help to sinners if there is *what* in it? (pg 41)

19. If a preacher mingles Law and Gospel, and says, “Come, for all things are now ready – provided you do this or that,” where does that leave sinners like you and me? (pg 41)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The Fifth Evening Lecture

1. Walther finds it marvelous that God should save a world of sinners through his son Jesus Christ, but it is "marvellous beyond comparison" that he uses *whom* to accomplish this task? (pg 26).

2. You, like a seminary student, are learning to share the Gospel in this class. Walther says this is the best and most beneficial skill you could have, even better than the ability to do *what?* (pg).

3. Walther quotes Johann Gerhardt, one of the great Lutheran dogmaticians. According to him, at *what point* in our teaching of the Word of God must the distinction of Law and Gospel be maintained? (pg 37).

4. However there are two teachings concerning which this distinction must be observed above all. What is the first one? (pg 37–38).

5. Which teaching, Law or Gospel, definitely does *not* belong in the doctrine of justification? (pg 38).

6. Without the free Gospel in Christ, the Bible would descend to the level of *what* kind of book? (pg 38).

7. When presenting the Gospel, we should simply say, "Accept this message!" What would any addition to this be? (pg 38)

8. What is faith? Is it the mere thought, "I believe"? If not, what is it?(pg 38)

9. What must *never* be brought into "the solemn meeting where God justifies the center," (that is, the proclamation of the Gospel) (pg 38)

10. Gerhardt said, "A hedge must be made around Mt. Sinai, but not around Golgotha." what do you think that means? (pg 39)

11. The Lord has given two keys to his Church (that is, all believers). What do these two keys do? (pg 39)

12. this Ministry (or administration) of the Keys is the second area in which it is especially important to maintain the distinction between Law and Gospel. To whom should forgiveness of sins *never* be proclaimed? (pg 39)

13. How is it different when a Christian speaks to another individual, compared to when a pastor preaches to a congregation? What must be presented even to a Christian congregation? (pg 39)

14. A person "poisons the well which God has dug for man's salvation," when he does *what?* (pg 40)