

15. Is the great power of the Gospel that it shows us how to live a moral life? Answer from Romans 1:16–17 (pg 73)

16. Again, Christ didn't come into the world to teach us morals – what did He come to do? Answer from I Timothy 1:15 (pg 73)

17. Did Jesus come to issue new laws? Answer from Matthew 5:17 (pg 74 top)

18. What are some categories of people who, according to Catholic teaching, stand eternally damned? Anyone who says... (pg 74 middle)

19. “All sects, by their false teaching, obscure the Gospel,” says Walther. But at least they don't do *what?* (pg 74 bottom)

20. Some support their teaching of Christ as New Law–Giver by quoting Matthew 11:30, where Jesus said, “*Take My yoke upon you.*” But what is the “yoke” referred to here? (pg 75 bottom)

The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel

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The Ninth Evening Lecture

1. In Walther's time (late 1880's) the world's population was 1.4 billion, with one-third of them Christians. Can you guess what the comparative numbers are today?

2. What teaching, grounded thoroughly in the Bible and the Lutheran confessions, does a majority of “Lutherans” nevertheless refuse to believe? (pg 67)

3. Of what is the Pope the “outspoken enemy”? (pg 69 top)

4. In 1545, the Catholics met at the Council of Trent to formulate a response to the Reformation (the documents published as a result of Trent, by the way, still stand as official Catholic doctrine). How do they describe the Gospel already in their preamble? Not only as “the source of all saving truth,” but as *what?* (pg 69 bottom)

5. The word “anathema” means to be damned, to be

eternally condemned by God. Whom does Canon 21 of the Councils of Trent thus condemn? “Anyone who says...” (pg 70)

6. The word “Gospel” is in Greek εὐαγγέλιον, “the glad tidings,” or “the Good News”. How does Catholic teaching contradict this? (pg 70 middle)

7. Already in the Garden of Eden, Gen. 3:15, God promised that the “Seed of the woman” (Christ) would “crush the head of the serpent.” What did that mean? (pg 70)

8. God didn’t promise a Messiah who would *tell* us what to do to be saved. What did He promise? (pg 71 top)

9. If Christ did all this, what is left for *me* to do? (pg 71 top)

10. In Jeremiah 31:31–34, God promises a *new* covenant, different from the covenant of the Law. When the Catholic Church claims that Christ has come to be a “new Lawgiver,” it in effect does what? (pg 71 bottom)

11. Why is that? What do all other religions say about salvation? What does the Christian faith say? (pg 71–72)

12. If Christ came to give us morals to live by, you’d expect Him to cater to the supreme moralists, the Pharisees. But no, whom did Jesus want around Him? Why? What parables illustrate this? (pg 72)

13. The Catholic Church says the Gospel tells us what to do. What does the Apostle John say in John 1:17? (pg 73)

14. Christ didn’t come into the world to teach us morals – what did He come to do? Answer from John 3:17 (pg 73)