

## The Basics of Lutheran Teaching - Class #4

### The Third Commandment.

**29. Which Is the Third Commandment?** Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy.

Exodus 20:8-11 “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. {*Gen 2:1-3*} Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Leviticus 23:3 ‘Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day *is* a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work *on it*; *it is* the Sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

**30. What does this mean?** We should fear and love God that we may not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

**31. Does this Commandment require of us that we should keep the Sabbath, feasts, or holy-days of any kind, as the people of God did In the Old Testament?**

No; for in the New Testament all this has been abolished by God Himself. Jesus is our Rest

Mark 2:27-28 And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>“Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.” {*Matt. 12, 8*}

49) Col. 2, 16. 17. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy-day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days, which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

Matthew 27:57-66 - Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath.

Matthew 11:28 “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Hebrews 4:9-10 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. <sup>10</sup>For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

**32. Why, then, do we celebrate Sunday and other feasts?** Not by divine command, but in order to have time and opportunity for public worship.

50) Hebrews 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

51) Acts 2, 42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Romans 14:5-6 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

Galatians 4:10-11 You observe days and months and seasons and years. <sup>11</sup>I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.

Acts 20:7 Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. (*Sundays-John 20:19, 20:26, 21:1-4, Acts 2:1ff, 42, Acts 20:7*)

**33. What Is, therefore, forbidden In the Third Commandment?** We should not despise preaching and God's Word.

**34. How Is this done?** By negligently, carelessly, or not at all attending public worship or using the written Word of God and the Sacraments.

52) John 8:47 "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

53) Luke 10:16 "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

54) Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Isaiah 29:13 Therefore the LORD said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

### **35. What Is enjoined In the Third Commandment?**

We should hold preaching and God's Word sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

55) Isaiah 66:2 ... "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

56) Ecclesiastes 5:1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

57) Psalm 26:6-8 ... So I will go about Your altar, O LORD, <sup>7</sup>That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works. <sup>8</sup>LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells.

58) 1 Thess. 2, 13. When ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the Word of God.

59) Col. 3, 16. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom ; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

60) Luke 11, 28. Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.

61) Gal. 6, 6. Let him that is taught in the Word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

B. H. 1 Sam. 1. 2. Hannah, the mother of Samuel.- Luke 2, 41-52. Jesus twelve years old. - vv. 36-38. Anna the Prophetess. - v. 51. The mother of Jesus.- Luke 10, 39. Mary, the sister of Martha.

### **1 Timothy 4:5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.**

Psalm 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>"You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>"You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

## Augsburg Confession, Article V: Of the Ministry.

1] That we may obtain this faith, *the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted*. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, 2] the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in them that hear 3] the Gospel, to wit, that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. 4] They condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that the Holy Ghost comes to men without the external Word, through their own preparations and works.

Ephesians 4:11-12 And **He Himself gave** some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and **some pastors and teachers**,<sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so consider us, as **servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God**.

**Word, Preaching & Teaching:** John 20:31 but **these are written** that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. Acts 20:28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which **the Holy Spirit has made you overseers**, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

**Baptism:** Matthew 28:18-21 And Jesus came and spoke **to them**, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."<sup>19</sup> **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> **teaching** them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Ephesians 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**Absolution:** John 20:22-23 And when **He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."**<sup>23</sup> **If you forgive** the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

2 Corinthians 2:10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes **in the presence of Christ**,

Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Luke 10:16 "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

**Lord's Supper:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup>and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."<sup>27</sup> Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."<sup>28</sup> "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

## **The Third Article. OF SANCTIFICATION.**

### **168. Which is the Third Article?**

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**169. What does this mean?** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith : in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the last day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

### **1. The Holy Ghost.**

**172. Who is the Holy Ghost?** The Third Person in the Holy Trinity, true God with the Father and the Son.

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 5, 3. 4. Peter said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

Ps. 33, 6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the Breath (Spirit) of His mouth. {Genesis 1:2}

### **173. Why Is He called the Holy Ghost? 1. Because He is Himself holy**

Is. 6, 3. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

### **2. Because He makes us holy by working faith in us and appropriating to us Christ and His salvation.**

John 14:25-26 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

**"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him."**

The Scriptures teach that by nature I am spiritually blind and dead and an enemy of God.

333) 1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

334) Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

335) Rom. 8, 7. The carnal mind is enmity against God.

336) 1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

Also Eph 4:17-18

**"But the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in the true faith."**

332) 1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

### **177. What has the Holy Ghost done to bring you to Christ and sanctify you?**

#### **He has called me by the Gospel.**

337) Luke 14, 17. Come; for all things are now ready.

2 Thessalonians 2:14... to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Tim. 1, 9. God hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

#### **He has by the Gospel call enlightened me with His gifts, so that I know Jesus as my Savior, trust and believe, rejoice and take comfort in Him. (Regeneration. Conversion.)**

1 Pet. 2, 9. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

2 Cor. 4, 6. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:8-14 For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth) <sup>10</sup>finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup>But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup>Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Eph. 2, 8, 9. By grace are ye saved through faith ; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.

The Holy's Spirits work is two-fold.

1. **Justification (Declares Sinners to be Righteous)** – By giving us the gift of faith, we receive Christ and His perfect righteousness.

Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

2. **Sanctification (Working Righteousness in Sinners)** – By working in us a renewal of the heart, He works righteousness in us.

1 Thess. 4, 3. This is the will of God, even your sanctification.

Eph. 2, 10. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

#### **Justification by Grace For Christ's Sake Through Faith Apart from works.**

1. The Most Important (Central) Teaching
2. Found only in Christianity. All others teach salvation by works.
3. Give comfort to the sinner
4. Gives all the glory to God

#### **When sinners come to faith(salvation), they nevertheless retain the old sinful nature and must fight against it. A believer is both a saint and a sinner.**

Romans 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

**He has sanctified me in the true faith; that is, He has by faith renewed my heart, and gives me power to struggle against and overcome Satan, the world, and the flesh, and to walk in godliness and good works.** (Sanctification in the narrower sense.) Whatever a child of God does, speaks, or thinks, in faith, according to the Ten Commandments, for the glory of God and the benefit of his neighbor.

John 15:3-5 “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Ephesians 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

John 17:17-19 “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

1 Cor. 10, 31. Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Pet. 4, 10. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

B. H. Mark 12, 41-44. The widow's mite. Mark 14, 3-9. The precious ointment poured on Jesus' head. Luke 10, 38-42. Mary and Martha.

**He has, by the Gospel, kept me in the true faith.**

Phil. 1, 6. Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 1, 5. Ye are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Philippians 4:7 ...and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**182. Has the Holy Ghost wrought all this in you only?**

No; but He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

**183. Is the Holy Ghost willing to work all this in every one who hears the Gospel?** Yes; but most men obstinately resist the Word and Spirit of God, and are thus lost by their own fault.

Ezek. 33, 11. As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live.

I Tim. 2, 4. God will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2 Pet. 3, 9. The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Matt. 22, 14. Many are called, but few are chosen.

Matt. 23, 37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Acts 7, 51. Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye.

Hos. 13, 9. O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thine help.

## **2. Of the Church/(the communion of saints).**

### **I believe in the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints.**

185. What is the Church? The congregation of saints, that is, all Christendom, the whole number of all believers; for only believers, and all believers, are members of the Church.

Eph. 2, 19-22. Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone; in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Acts 2. Pentecost.

### **186. Why do we say, "I believe in the Church"?**

1. Because the Church is invisible, since no man can look into another's heart and see if he believe; 2. Because we are, nevertheless, assured by Scripture that the Holy Ghost at all times gathers and preserves a congregation of believers.

359) 2 Tim. 2, 19. The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.

390) Luke 17, 20. 21. The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; neither shall they say, Lo here! or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

361) Matt. 16, 18. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

B. H. 1 Kings 19, 8-18. The seven thousand in Israel.

### **187. Why do we believe in one Church?**

Because all believers are one spiritual body, whose only Head is Christ.

362) Eph. 4, 3-6. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

### **188. Why do we say, "I believe in a holy Church"?**

Because all the members of the Church are holy by faith in Christ; Because they serve God with holy works.

363) Eph. 5, 25-27. Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1 Pet. 2, 5. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

### **189. Why do we say, "I believe in a holy Christian Church"?**

Because the Church is built upon Christ, its sole Foundation.

364) 1 Cor. 3, 11. Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2, 19-22. See Qu. 185.

### **190. Where Is this one holy Christian Church to be found?**

“Also they {*The Lutheran Theologians*} teach that *one holy Church* is to continue forever. The Church is the congregation of saints, in which **the Gospel is rightly taught and the Sacraments are rightly administered**” (Augsburg Confession, Article VII: Of the Church). The church is found wherever and only where **the Gospel of Christ** is in use; for according to God's promise His Word does not remain without fruit. Those who hang around the church but are not believers are called hypocrites.

365) Is. 55, 10. 11. As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

B. H. Matt. 13, 24-26. The tares among the wheat. — Matt. 13, 47. 48. The net that gathered of every kind.

### **193. When do we properly use this doctrine of the Church?**

When we take heed to be and remain members of a church that confesses the entire doctrine of the Word of God in all its purity, and among whom the Sacraments are rightly administered according to Christ's institution. We should also contribute toward its maintenance and extension according to our ability, and avoid all false churches.

2 Cor. 13, 5. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.

John 8, 31. 32. If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1 Cor. 9, 14. The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

Matt. 7, 15. Beware of false prophets which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. .

1 John 4, 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Rom. 16, 17. Now I beseech you, brethren, mark. them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

2 Cor. 6, 14-18. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God, as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them • and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing ; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

### **3. Of The Forgiveness of Sins.**

The Scriptures teach that God by grace, for Christ's sake, through the Gospel, daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

Mark 2, 7. Who can forgive sins but God only?



Romans 10:14-15 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Psalm 130:3-4 If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.

Psalm 103:2-3 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup>Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

Eph. 1, 7. In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Rom. 3, 28. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law.

#### **4. Of the Resurrection of the Body.**

##### **What do you believe concerning the Resurrection of the Body?**

That at the last day God will raise up me and all the dead, so that our bodies, the same bodies that have died, shall again be made alive.

387) John 5, 28, 29. The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

Job 19:25-27 For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth; <sup>26</sup>And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How* my heart yearns within me!

##### **203. What difference will there be in the resurrection of the dead?**

The believers will rise with glorified bodies to everlasting life; but the unbelievers will rise to eternal death, that is, to everlasting shame, contempt, and torment, in hell.

388) Dan. 12, 2. Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

John 5, 28, 29. See Qu. 202.

Job 19, 25-27. I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

Phil. 3, 21. Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body.

1 Cor. 15, 51, 52. Transmutation of the living.

Luke 16, 23, 24. And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Matt. 10, 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Is. 66, 24. Their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

Matt. 7, 13. Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

B. H. Luke 16, 19-31. The rich man and Lazarus. —Two places only.

## **5. Of Eternal Life.**

### **205. What do the Scriptures teach concerning eternal life?**

That all believers when they die are, according to the soul, at once present with Christ, and, after the last day, shall be with Christ, body and soul, and live with Him in eternal joy and glory.

Luke 23, 43. Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.

Rev. 14, 13. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.

John 10, 27. 28. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life.

1 John 3, 2. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Ps. 16, 11. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

John 17, 24. Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me.

Rom. 8, 18. I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

(2 Cor. 9, 6. Degrees of eternal glory.)

### **206. To whom shall eternal life be given?**

To me and all believers, but to believers only.

John 3, 16. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3, 36. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Matt. 24, 13. He, that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

### **207. Are you sure that you also will enter into eternal life?**

Yes for according to the Scriptures I am firmly to believe that, as God has in time called me by the Gospel, enlightened, sanctified, and kept me in the true faith, even so He has from eternity chosen me unto the adoption of children and unto life everlasting, and no man shall pluck me out of His hand.

Eph. 1, 3-6. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved.

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.