The Basics of Lutheran Teaching – Overheads for Class #8

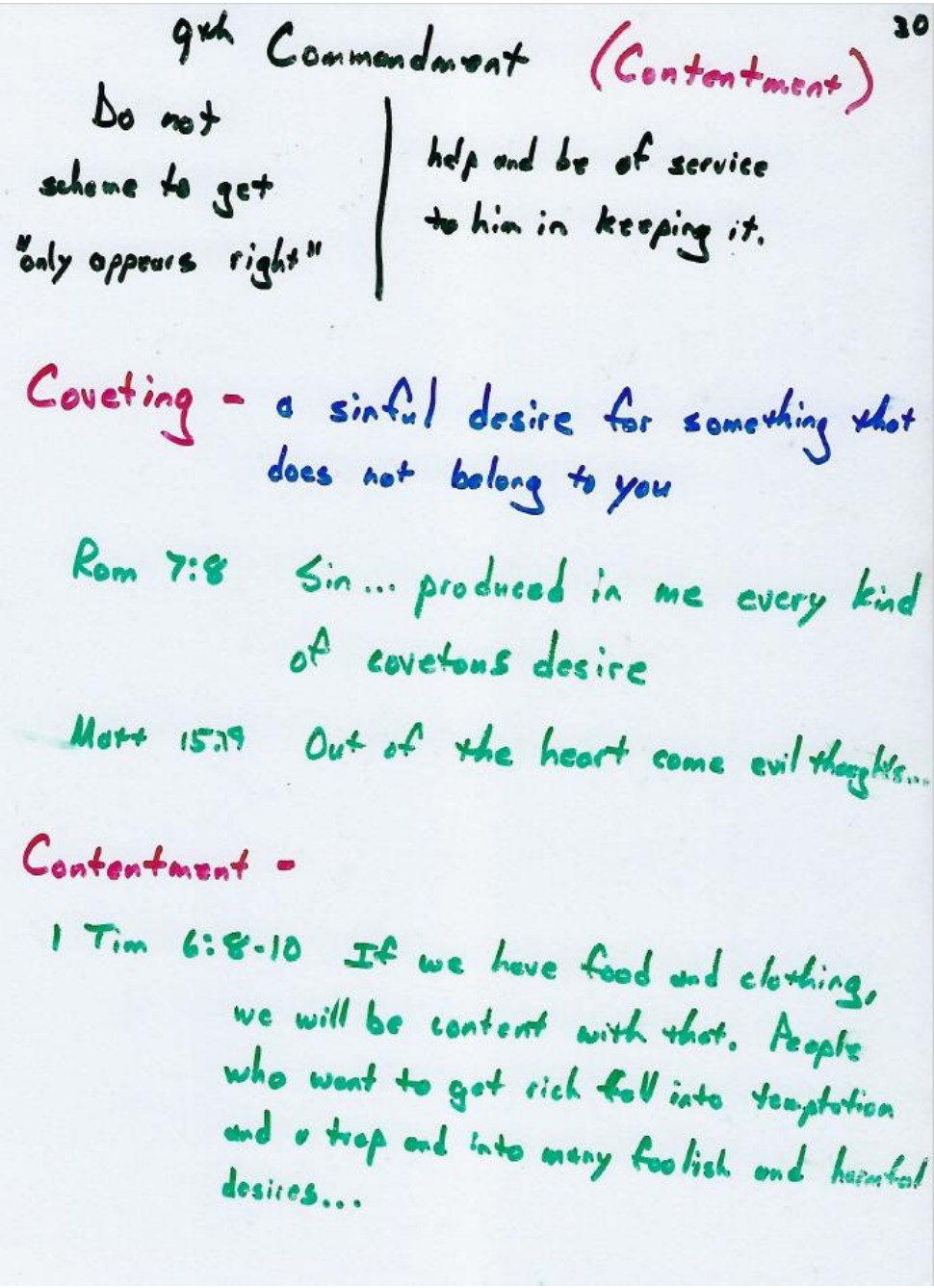
The Ninth Commandment.

73. Which is the Ninth Commandment?

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

74. What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we may not craftily seek to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, nor obtain it by a show of right help and be of service to him in keeping it.



Original Sin

From Adam

Rom 5:19 Through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners.

Bring wrath of God

Eph 2:3 Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Left spiritually blind, dead...

1 Cor 2:4 the man without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God

Sinful desires

Rom 8:7 The sinful mind is hostile to God

Causes actual sin →

Actual Sin

Every thought (feeling) word, and deed against God's will

(see #17)

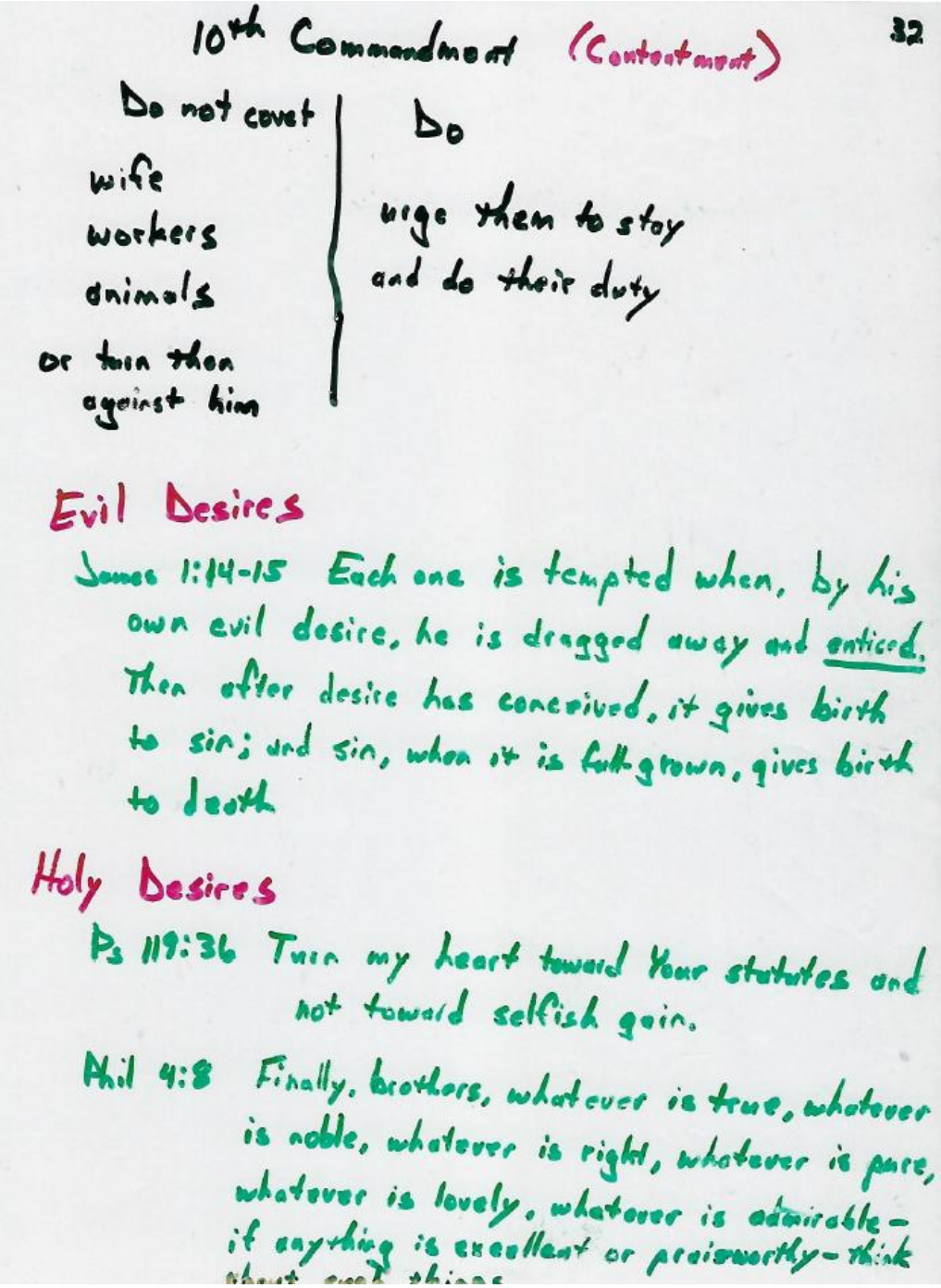
The Tenth Commandment.

77. Which is the Tenth Commandment?

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

78. What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we may not estrange, force, or entice away from our neighbor his wife, servants, or cattle, but urge them to stay and do their duty.



PART V.

How the Unlearned Should be Taught to Confess.

312. What is Confession?

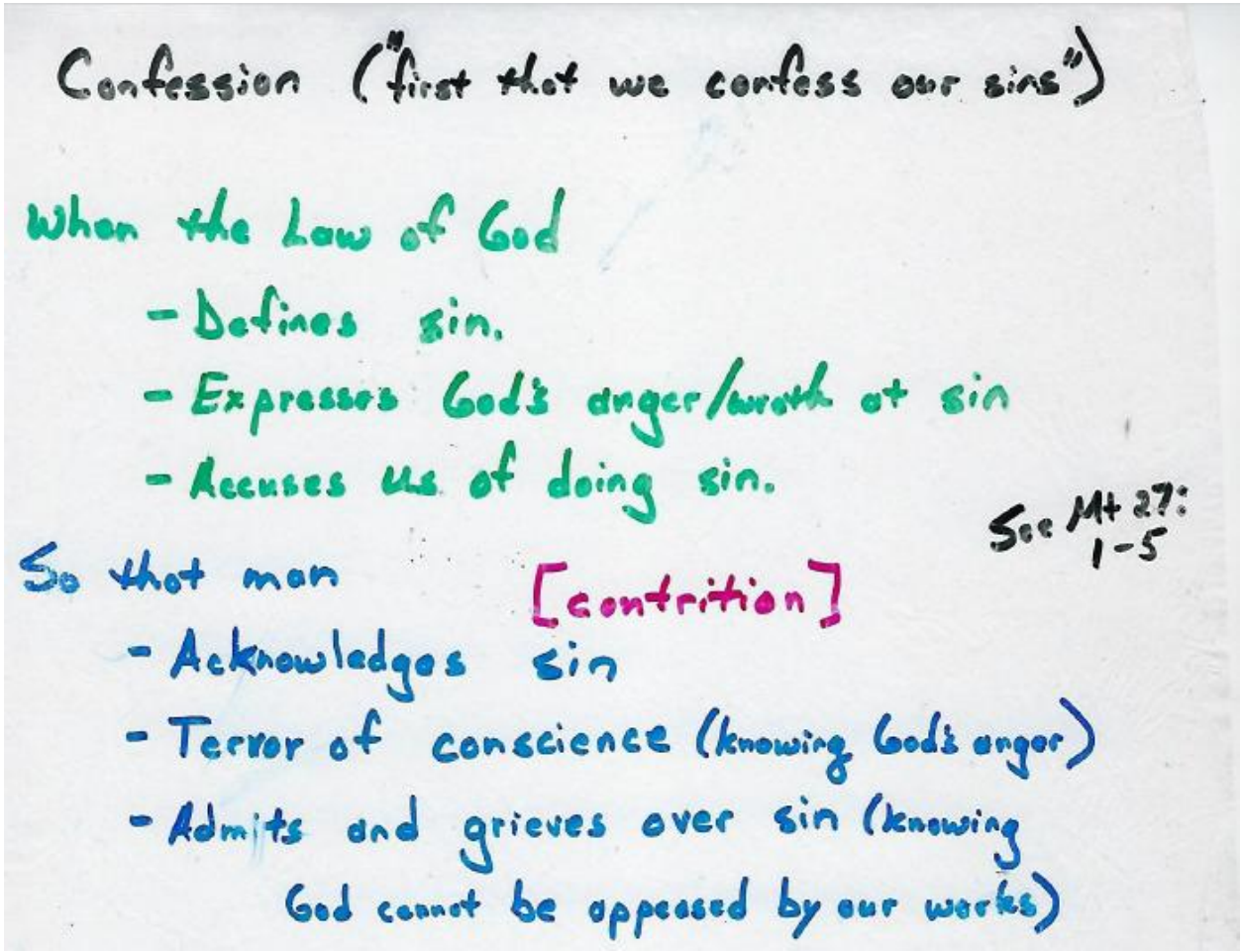
Confession embraces two parts: one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution, or forgiveness, from the confessor, as from God Himself, and in no wise doubt, but firmly believe, that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

314. What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even of those which we do not know, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the confessor we should confess those sins only which we know and feel in our hearts.

318. What instruction does Dr. Luther give us for examining ourselves before confession?

Here consider your station according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, slothful; whether you have grieved any person by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, or wasted aught, or done other injury.



Absolution ("second, that we receive absolution")

See Mt 26:33 ...35
26:69-75
Jn 20:2f
21:7
21:15f

When the Gospel is presented

- Forgiveness is obtained by Jesus Christ
- God's anger is taken away
- Forgiveness is freely offered and given

So that man

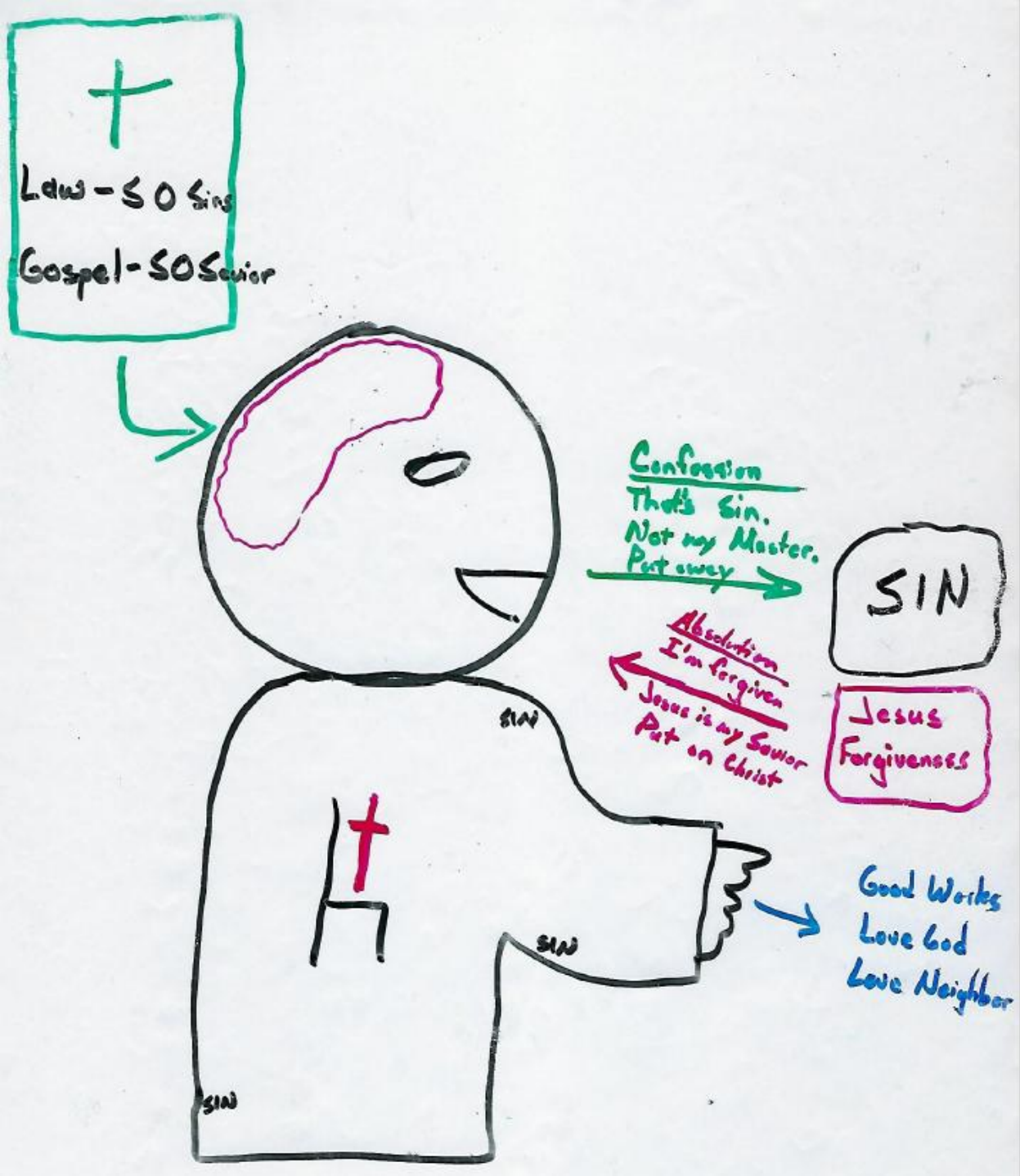
- Believes the Good News - the conscience is comforted - We seek God's Goodness in Christ.

Confession	Mk 1:5	Lk 24:47	Act 2:38	Ps 32:5
1) confess	1) Repent	1) Repentance	1) Repent	1) confess
2) absolution	2) believe	2) forgiveness	2) be baptized	2) forgave

2 Sam 12

v.13 I have sinned against the Lord

The Lord has taken away your sin.

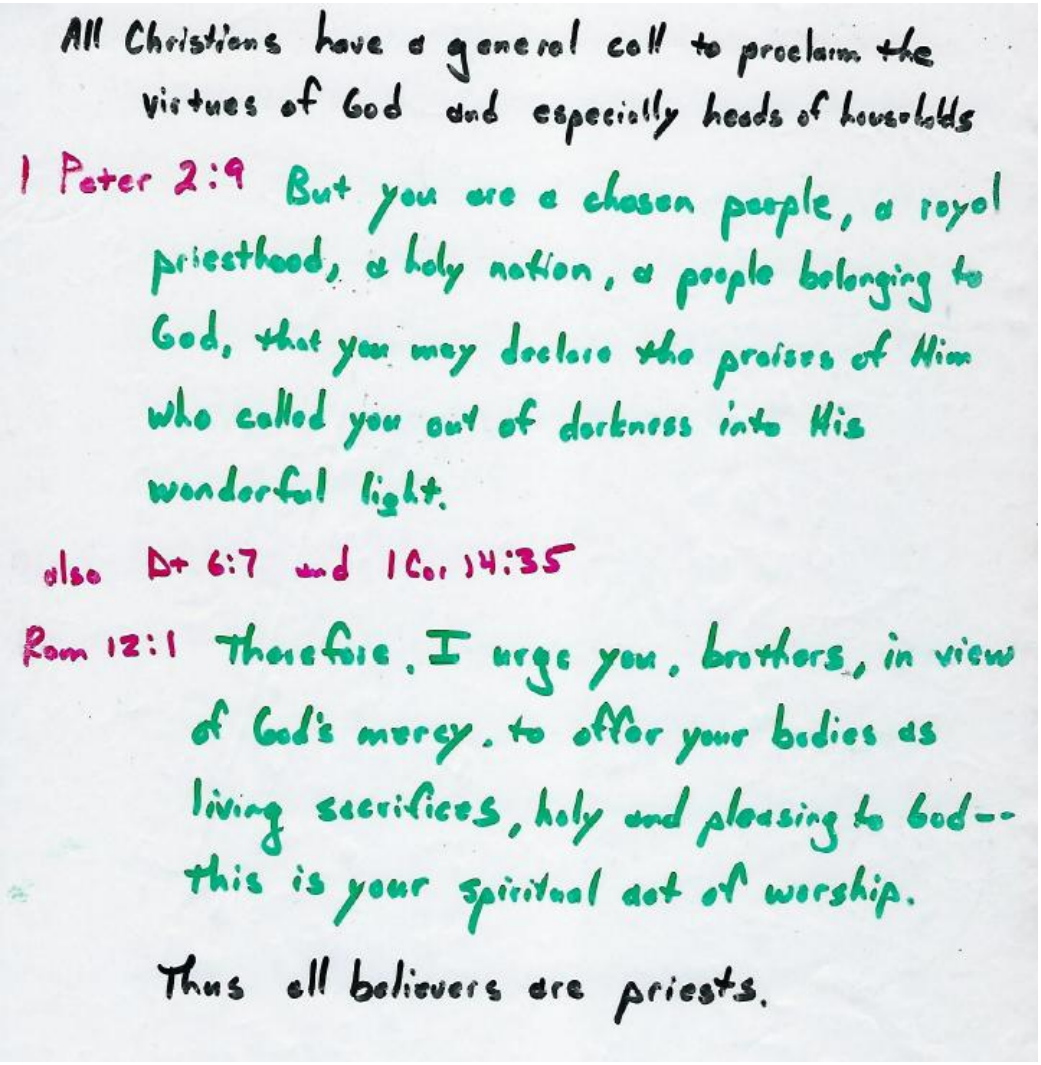

Law - SO Sins
Gospel - SO Savior
Confession
That's Sin.
Not my Master.
Put away
SIN
Absolution
I'm forgiven
Jesus is my Savior
Put on Christ
Jesus Forgiveness
SIN
SIN
SIN
Good Works
Love God
Love Neighbor

The Office of the Keys, and Confession.

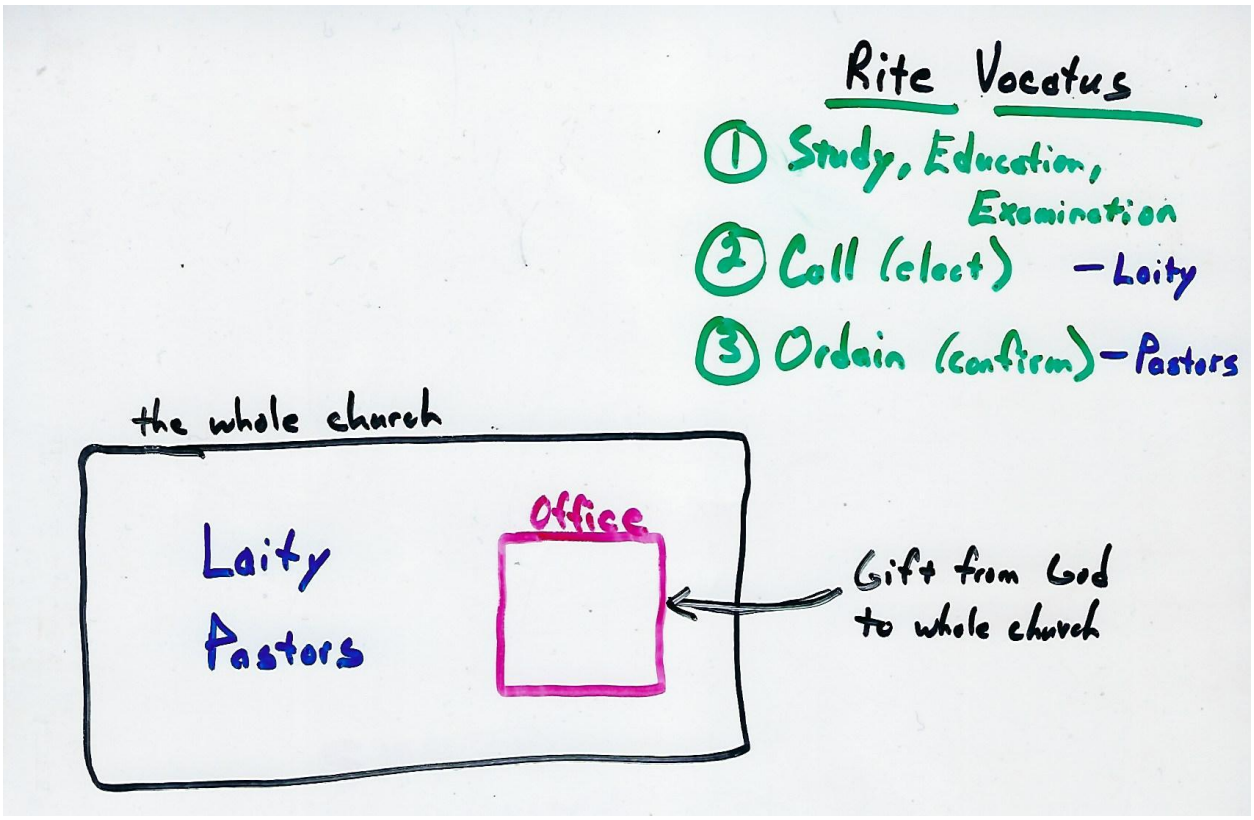
300. What Is the Office of the Keys?
It is the peculiar church power which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of penitent sinners unto them, but to retain the sins of the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

301. Where Is this written?
Thus writes the holy Evangelist John, chapter twentieth: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples, and saith unto them; Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whosesoever sins ye retain, they are retained.

307. What, then, do you believe according to these words?
I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, especially when they exclude manifest and impenitent sinners from the Christian congregation, and, again, when they absolve those who repent of their sins and are willing to amend, this is as valid and certain, in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us Himself.



The church has been given the gift of the pastoral office. And that office (with its work) is to be entrusted to qualified men.



2 TIM 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. also Titus 1:9

EPH 4:11-12 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people, ~~for works of service~~ for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up...

Rom 10:14-15 How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one who they have not heard?

Rom 10:14-15 cont.

And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Is 52:7)

1 Cor 4:1

So then men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Luke 10:1... 16

After this Jesus appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go....

v.16

He who listens to you listens to me;
he who rejects you rejects me;
but he who rejects me rejects him
who sent me.

Preaching

Who is to preach?

Acts 20:28 the Holy Spirit has made you overseers

1 Cor 4:

Mark 2:1-12 (Mt 9:2-8, Lk 5:18-26)

v.5 "Son, your sins are forgiven."

v.7 "Why does this fellow talk like that?
He's blaspheming!
Who can forgive sins but God alone?"
Ps 130:4 But there is forgiveness with you
Dan 9:9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness

v.10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man
has authority on earth to forgive sins"

Mt 9:8 "... and they praised God, who had given
such authority to men."

John 20:19-23

v.19 Peace be with you

v.21 Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, —has authority
I am sending you —gives authority

v.22 And with that he breathed on them and said
"Receive the Holy Spirit.

v.23 If you forgive anyone his sins,
they are forgiven.
If you retain the sins of any
they are retained."

Mt 16:13-19

v.16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

v.17 Blessed are you... revealed... by my Father

v.18 And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you (SINGULAR) the keys of the kingdom whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Mt 18:15-20

v.15 "If your brothers sins against you..."
- Just the two of you
- take 2 or 3 with you
- tell to the church

v.18 I tell you (PLURAL) the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven

v.19 If two of you on earth...

v.20 Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I with them.

3 Kinds of Confession

1) Before God

Forgive us our trespasses

1 Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Ps 32:5 I will confess my transgressions to the Lord

Ps 19:12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

2) Before my neighbor

James 5:16 Confess your sins to each other

3) Before the pastor (as "God's ambassador")

Mt 18 and Mt 16 Whatever you loose on earth...

Jn 20:23 If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven

Lk 10:16 He who hears you, hears me.

How does the pastor know whether to forgive (unlock) or retain (lock) sins?

A. Does he look into the heart? No

B. Based on a person's confession.

If repentant, he forgives... If not, he retains

Ps 32:5 I will confess my transgressions to the Lord and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

1 Tim 1:8-10 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful... and whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release...

C. Is the announcement of forgiveness true even if the person doesn't believe it?

YES

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 3:16- For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Example:

1 Cor 5:3 I have already passed judgment

13 expel the wicked man from among you.

2 Cor 2:5

7 Now instead you ought to comfort him.

10 If you forgive anyone...