


A STUDY OF MERE CHRISTIANITY

Lesson 11
Chapter 3.11 | Chapter 3.12



PEACE THRU CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FAITH'S TWO SENSES

The Second Sense – Trusting God to provide what you cannot

"I think every one who has some vague belief in God, until he becomes a Christian, has the idea of an exam, or of a bargain in his mind. The first result of real Christianity is to blow that idea into bits." (p. 142)

"It [faith] is the change from being confident about our own efforts to the state in which we despair of doing anything for ourselves and leave it to God." (p. 146)

"If you like to put it that way, Christ offers something for nothing: He even offers everything for nothing. In a sense, the whole Christian life consists in accepting that very remarkable offer." (p. 147)

FAITH'S FULL PICTURE

Post- Conversion Faith (The Two Senses Together)

1. Consider what is true, not just what you feel.
2. Try to do what is correct and right.
 - A. Because this is good for ourselves and others – and God commands it.
 - B. Because, through trying hard to keep what is good, we see most clearly where we have gone wrong.
3. Be honest about your inability to do what is right.
4. Trust in God to remove what is wrong, and to fill in what is right.
(Grace/Savior)

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MEMORABLE THOUGHTS

"In fact, I was assuming that the human mind is completely ruled by reason." (p. 139)

"If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already." (p. 143)

"There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice." (p. 147)

"You see, we are now trying to understand, and to separate into water-tight compartments, what exactly God does and what man does when God and man are working together." (p. 149)

CLASS TEN CHAPTER SUMMARIES

<p style="text-align: center;">3.11</p> <p>Faith as a virtue means listening to what is true and not just what you feel.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3.12</p> <p>Walking by faith means applying both law and gospel to one's life.</p>
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