



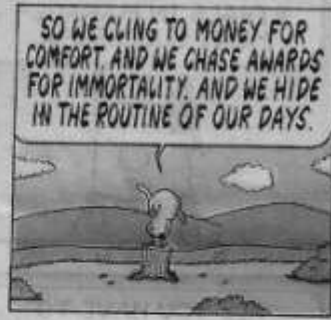
## Chapter 6 – Looking in All the Wrong Places

Oprah Winfrey has attacked Christianity indirectly by steering women away from the Bible to a spirituality of everything. And people today grasp anything that won't condemn them, avoid sin as a doctrine and allow them to practice a religion that speaks of warm feelings. The proof can be found in obituaries and in wedding vows they write for themselves. That assumes that they believe in vows, which many people don't. They believe their college professors have more gravitas to speak about God than their pastor or to investigate what the Bible says. Walther said it this way, "[they] keep on praying and struggling until they feel God has received them into grace." The bottom line is; can we depend on our feelings to guide us spiritually? Didn't the prodigal son do just that? See Luke 15 11-32

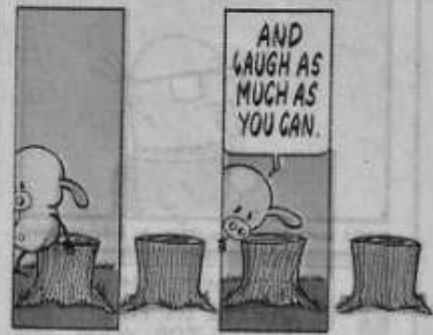
1. What is the difference between spirituality and faith?
2. Read Matthew 15:19. Why is the heart unreliable when it comes to our relationship with God?
3. Read Acts 2:22-41. How does Peter proclaim Law in this sermon? How does he preach the gospel? Where does he direct his hearers after they had been "cut to the heart" with his preaching?
4. How does Christ deliver the gifts of His redemption? See Titus 3:5-8 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.
5. How does Lutheran preaching differ from the preaching of American Evangelicalism? Why must the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins always predominate in the Christian sermon? What happens when some other goal for the sermon takes priority?

## LSB 580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

1. The Gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent His Son to save our race,  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.
3. It brings the Savior's righteousness to robe our souls in royal dress;  
From all our guilt it brings release and gives the troubled conscience peace.



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