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New Testament 4

Law/Gospel

I sin when I rely on human reason instead of God’s Word and what it says about my Savior.

The Holy Spirit gives me eyes of faith to believe that Jesus died and rose for my salvation and fills my heart with peace.

Bible Words

[Jesus said,] “Peace be with you.” John 20:26

From the Catechism

The Third Article: Sanctification

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

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 Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. . . . In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Jesus Appears to Thomas

John 20:19–31

Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not present on that first Easter evening. Though the other disciples told him everything that had happened, Thomas didn’t believe on the basis of their words alone. He wanted to see and touch Jesus’ wounds.

One week later, Jesus again appeared to the disciples, this time with Thomas present. Though the testimony of the other disciples hadn’t convinced Thomas that Jesus had risen, when Thomas saw and touched the Lord’s wounds, he did believe and confessed Jesus to be his Lord and God.

Jesus pointed out that Thomas believed because he had seen. Jesus declares those people “blessed” who believe that He is the resurrected Lord, even if they haven’t seen. They believe on the basis of words alone.

John concludes this section by pointing out that his Gospel account was written so that many people might come to “believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God” and thus have eternal life (20:31).

Sing

How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia!

LSB 471:8

Prayer

Heavenly Father, forgive us when we doubt Your Word, and give us eyes of faith to see our Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.