Living In Relationship To God

The Third Article

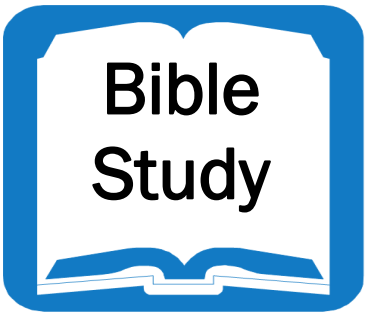
God's Gift to Us:

A circus trapeze artist said that the net underneath the trapeze was there to keep them from breaking their necks. But he also added, "The net also keeps us from falling. Imagine there is no net. We would be so nervous that we would be more likely to miss and fall. If there wasn't a net, we would not dare to do some of the things we do. But because there is a net, we dare to make two turns, maybe even three turns instead of one, thanks to the net."

What gift has God given to us that allows us to do great things for Christ?

If the Holy Spirit doesn't see to it that God's word is preached, and arouse our hearts to take hold of it, it gets lost...outside of the Christian church nobody can come to the Lord Christ.

From *Luther's Large Catechism*



What do the following passages say to us about how the Holy Spirit helps us to grow?

Day One:	Colossians 1:10
Day Two:	Ephesians 6:10-17
Day Three:	2 Timothy 2:3
Day Four:	Lamentations 3:40
Day Five:	Galatians 5:22

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For Discussion:

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship begins with God giving to us. What has God given to us according to verse 23?

2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. What response is given according to verse 23?

3. Look up the list of fruit Christians produce in Galatians 5:22-25. Talk about the kind of fruit you are producing.

4. How can God's people help each other "keep in step with the Spirit?"

5. Why is attendance at worship services so important for members of God's family?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I realize that the Holy Spirit gives me the power to live as His child.