

Table Talk #6 DCCIII – Choices!

“Twas a strange thing the world should be offended at him who raised the dead, made the blind to see, and the deaf to hear, etc. They who would deem such a man a devil, what kind of a God would they have? But here it is. Christ would give to the world the kingdom of heaven, but they will have the kingdom of the earth, and here they part; for the highest wisdom and sanctity of the hypocrites sees nothing but temporal honor, carnal will, mundane life, good days, money and wealth, all of which must vanish and cease.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Luther". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a prominent 'M' and 'L'.

Commentary:

Everyday we are faced with choices and decisions. Some are easy and others make us anxious. Luther reminds us that God chose us by coming into this world as one of us – only to be faced with rejection, persecution, and death. The separation between God and man is evident in our sins of anger, hatred, desire, and worshiping God on our terms rather than as we are told, “have no other gods before me!” (First Commandment). Salvation could never be earned, which is why it is a free gift. We have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ who gives us everything - including the freedom to make decisions and choices.

Question: Is talking about faith more important than reading about faith?