

Quotes and Sayings – Martin Luther

It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbour.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime.

The hair is the richest ornament of women.

I ask that men make no reference to my name, and call themselves not Lutherans, but Christians. What is Luther? My doctrine, I am sure, is not mine, nor have I been crucified for any one.

Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin. You have taken upon yourself what is mine and given me what is yours. You have become what you were not so that I might become what I was not.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

A Christian man is most free lord of all, and subject to none; a Christian man is the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone.

The authority of Scripture is greater than the comprehension of the whole of man's reason.

I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joys and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.

I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of Hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount.

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.

Next to theology I give to music the highest place and honour. Music is the art of the prophets, the only art that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.

A layman who has Scripture is more than Pope or council without it.

We are not made righteous by doing righteous deeds; but when we have been made righteous we do righteous deeds.

In his life Christ is an example, showing us how to live; In his death he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; In his resurrection a conqueror; In his ascension, a king; In his intercession, a high priest.

People who think that once they are converted all will be happy, have forgotten Satan.

The whole being of any Christian is Faith and Love... Faith brings the man to God, love brings him to men.

Whatever man loves, that is his god. For he carries it in his heart; he goes about with it night and day; he sleeps and wakes with it, be it what it may wealth or self, pleasure or renown.

If you want to change the world, pick up your pen.

We ought not to criticize, explain, or judge the Scriptures by our mere reason, but diligently, with prayer, meditate thereon, and seek their meaning.

Pray, and let God worry.

A good preacher should have these qualities and virtues: first, to teach systematically; second, he should have a ready wit; third, he should be eloquent; fourth, he should have a good voice; fifth, a good memory; sixth, he should know when to make an end; seventh, he should be sure of his doctrine; eighth, he should venture and engage body and blood, wealth and honour, in the world; ninth, he should suffer himself to be mocked and jeered of everyone.

Christ is the Master; the Scriptures are only the servant. The true way to test all the Books is to see whether they work the will of Christ or not.

Take hold of Jesus as a man and you will discover that he is God.

Remove Christ from the Scriptures and there is nothing left.

An angel is a spiritual creature created by God without a body, for the service of Christendom and of the Church.

They gave our Master a crown of thorns. Why do we hope for a crown of roses?

Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for Him. In Hebrew, "Be silent in God, and let Him mould you." Keep still, and He will mould you to the right shape.

What is it to serve God and to do His will? Nothing else than to show mercy to our neighbour. For it is our neighbour who needs our service; God in heaven needs it not.

Is it not a shame that we are always afraid of Christ, whereas there was never in heaven or earth a more loving, familiar, or milder man, in words, works and demeanour especially towards the poor, sorrowful and tormented consciences?

Faith is from God, not from man. Man can do nothing to earn or receive it. We are right with God by faith alone.

If Christ had come with trumpets sounding; if he had a cradle of gold, His birth would have been a stately thing. But it wouldn't comfort me. So, He had to lay in a poor girl's lap and be scarcely noticed by the world. In that lap I can come to see Him; in this way He now reveals Himself to the distressed.

The only saving faith is that which casts itself on God for life or death.

Faith cannot be inherited or gained by being baptized into a Church. Faith is a matter between the individual and God.

For twenty eight years, since I became a doctor, I have now constantly read and preached the Bible; and yet I have not exhausted it but find something new in it every day.

The mystery of the humanity of Christ, that He sunk himself into our flesh, is beyond all human understanding.

Martin Luther's response to the Devil: I have been baptized!

For the Lord assures me, that death is but a slumber.

Our Lord God has placed the greatest gifts in the most common things. The eyes are the most excellent gift given to all the animals. The small little birds have the most clear eyes, just like asterisks; they see a fly a room away. But we do not recognise that common gift. We are clowns and fools. But we will see in that future life; then and there we, like the birds, will have those beautiful, clear eyes ourselves.

Let hell and Satan rage and chafe; Christ is your brother: you are safe.

If Satan can turn God's Word upside down and pervert the Scriptures, what will he do with my words -- or the words of others?

Justice is a temporary thing that must at last come to an end; but the conscience is eternal and will never die.