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SOTERIOLOGY.

DEFINITION.

Soteriology is the doctrine of Holy Scripture concerning the application and appropriation of the merits of Christ to the individual sinner, whereby the sinner is led to the actual possession and enjoyment of the blessings which Christ has actually procured for all mankind. Christ is *σωτήρ τοῦ κόσμου*, the *Savior of the world*.¹⁾ *God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself*.²⁾ Christ is the *propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world*.³⁾ The Mediator between God and man reconciled the world with God not partially or potentially, but wholly and actually. *By one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified*.⁴⁾ When he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high, the work of redemption had been fully performed; *he had by himself purged our sins*.⁵⁾

Yet, among those whom the Lord has bought, there are those who *bring upon themselves swift destruction*.⁶⁾ Though God *HATH reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ*,⁷⁾ and *we WERE reconciled to God by the death of his Son*,⁸⁾

1) John 4, 42. 1 John 4, 14.

3) 1 John 2, 2.

6) 2 Pet. 2, 1.

4) Hebr. 10, 14.

7) 1 Cor. 5, 18.

2) 2 Cor. 5, 19.

5) Hebr. 1, 3.

8) Rom. 5, 10.

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The Ten Commandments *explained in Sermonic Lectures by William Dallmann. Second edition revised. Pittsburg, Pa. American Lutheran Publication Board. 1900. 335 pages. Price, \$1.00.*

For several reasons we are glad to see this book in a second edition. We are glad for the author and the publishers, whom we congratulate upon their success. We are glad for the church and its members, who will be benefited by the influence this book will thus continue to exert. And we are glad for the book's own sake; for it has become a better book in this second edition than it was in the first. Various features which disfigured the work in its first form have been removed, and while we would still object to the general introduction of the style and manner of these "sermonic lectures" into our English Lutheran pulpits, we cordially welcome this explanation of the Ten Commandments in its second edition as a bright and popular exposition of the Decalogue for the Christian reader generally and for our Lutheran people especially. They will find many things said here as they had not heard them said before and by men whom they had not met before, and may they heed what they are told and profit by the doctrine of the law thus once again exhibited and expounded. A. G.

Sunday-School Texts. *Selected and arranged by A. L. Graebner. St. Louis, Mo. Concordia Publishing House. 1900. 38 pages. Price, 5 cents.*

This little book was published in the present form in compliance with many urgent requests following an article on Sunday-schools and a compilation of textual material printed in the *QUARTERLY*. A German edition also was called for, and appeared shortly after the English edition. An outline of the plan, and recommendations for the use, of the booklet will be found in the *Preliminary Remarks*.