

The new book, *The Essential Forde*, is pseudo-Forde (2)

*The Essential Forde*¹ is a collection without context. The book includes four chapters from Forde's thesis, *The Law-Gospel Debate*,² and other articles or selections from his writings. But no context is given for any item. Not even bibliographical information. We give you **the context in the real Forde** below:

Part 1. The Law-Gospel Distinction in Modern Lutheranism

"The Position of Orthodoxy," 37-44.

= *The Law Gospel Debate*, 3-11.

"The Critical Problem: The Place of Law in the Theological System," 45-58.

= *The Law Gospel Debate*, 69-78.

"Theodosius Harnack," 53-58.

= *The Law Gospel Debate*, 81-95.

"The Gospel as the End of the Law," 59-79.

= *The Law Gospel Debate*, 175-200.

Part II. Death and Resurrection

"The Lutheran View of Sanctification," 83-100.

= *The Preached God*,³ 226-44.

And that = *Christian Spirituality: Five Views of Sanctification*,⁴ 13-32.

"Two Ways of Being a Theologian," 101-108.

= *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*,⁵ 10-19.

Part III. The Bondage of the Will

"The Argument about God," 111-23.

= *The Captivation of the Will*,⁶ 31-45.

"Luther and Erasmus," 124-26.

= *The Captivation of the Will*, 77-79.

"Heidelberg Disputation: Thesis 15," 127-29 (one footnote missing).

= *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*, 56-58.

Part IV. Good Works

"Heidelberg Disputation: Theses 26-28," 133-38.

= *On Being a Theologian Cross*, 103-10.

"Luther's 'Ethics,'" 139-45.

¹ *The Essential Forde. Distinguishing Law and Gospel*. Gerhard O. Forde, eds. Nicholas Hopman, Mark C. Mattes, and Steven D. Paulson (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019).

² Forde, *The Law-Gospel Debate: An Interpretation of its Historical Development* (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1969).

³ *The Preached God. Proclamation in Word and Sacrament*. Gerhard O. Forde, eds. Mark Mattes and Steven D. Paulson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007).

⁴ *Christian Spirituality: Five Views of Sanctification*, ed. Donald L. Alexander (Downers Grove, Ill: Intervarsity Press, 1988).

⁵ Forde, *On Being a Theologian of the Cross, Reflections on Luther's Heidelberg Dissertation*, 1518 (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997).

⁶ Forde, *The Captivation of the Will. Luther vs. Erasmus on Freedom and Bondage*, ed. Steven Paulson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005).

= *A More Radical Gospel*,⁷ 137-55. (The portion printed in *The Essential Forde* begins on 148.)

Part V. Controversies concerning the law

“Law and Sexual Behavior,” 149-66.

= *The Lutheran Quarterly* 91 (Spr 1995) 3-22.

“The Meaning of *Satis Est*,” 167-77.

= *A More Radical Gospel*, 159-70.

And that = *Lutheran Forum* 26/4 (Nov 1992) 14-18.

“*Lex semper accusat?* Nineteenth-Century Roots of Our Current Dilemma,” 178-93.

= *A More Radical Gospel*, 33-49.

And that = *dialog* 9/4 (Aut 1970) 265-74.

Part VI. Theological Method

“Systematic Theology is for Proclamation,” 197-04.

= *Theology is for Proclamation*, Introduction, 1-9.

“The Preached God,” 205-27.

= *Theology is for Proclamation*, 13-37.

“Heidelberg Theses 19-21,” 228-42 (2 footnotes missing).

= *On Being a Theologian of the Cross*, 69-90.

Part VII. The Ministry

“Speaking the Gospel Today,” 245-56.

= *The Preached God*, 165-94. (The portion printed in *The Essential Forde* begins on 182.)

“Something to Believe: A Theological Perspective on Infant Baptism,” 257-70.

= *The Preached God*, 131-45.

And that = *Interpretation* 47/2 (Apr 1993) 229-41.

“The Lord’s Supper as the Testament of Jesus,” 271-75.

= *The Preached God*, 146-51.

And that = *Word & World* 17 (1997) 5-9.

The following seven Forde articles, reprinted in *The Essential Forde*, were already printed in one of the two previous *Lutheran Quarterly* collections of Forde essays:

- “The Lutheran View of Sanctification”
- “The Meaning of *Satis Est*”
- “Luther’s ‘Ethics’”
- “*Lex semper accusat?* Nineteenth-Century Roots of Our Current Dilemma”
- “Speaking the Gospel Today”
- “Something to Believe: A Theological Perspective on Infant Baptism”
- “The Lord’s Supper as the Testament of Jesus”

⁷ *A More Radical Gospel. Essays on Eschatology, Authority, Atonement, and Ecumenism.* Gerhard O. Forde, eds. Mark C. Mattes and Steven D. Paulson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004).