



A PEOPLE CALLED TO LOVE

CHRISTIAN CHARITY IN NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY

The Christian's Calling in the Social-Political Realm with Dr. Charles Arand

Study Questions:

- 1) What do Lutherans mean by the word "righteous"?

- 2) What is our righteousness in the presence of God? What is our righteousness in the presence of other people?

- 3) Dr. Arand identifies the created order that God has set up as being made of family, economy, politics and church (as an institution). In view of this truth about the created order in which we all live, is it possible for a Christian to escape living in engagement with the world?

- 4) When Dr. Arand says that Lutherans do not necessarily look for biblical principles as a mandate for how to engage in acts of charity, what does this mean for the use of reason regarding politics and economics?

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5) Dr. Arand talks about the limits of reason in what is called “natural law.” How then do Christian values relate to the use of reason when thinking about how to best serve our neighbor?

6) What is Dr. Arand trying to encourage Christians to do when he talks about making your “reverent best guess”? What does Dr. Burreson mean when he responded that the use of reason allows Christians to engage in “creative fun”?