

1. Pray
2. Recall: What is Personal Renewal?
  - a. Returning to our first Love
    - i. Rev. 2:4-5 (p. 1028)
  - b. Personal Renewal as Recommitment or Rededication of Love
    - i. Definition of Love: Seeking the good of the other for the sake of the other.
      1. For humans, love is a *choice*.
    - ii. Repentance – *metanoeo*
3. Worship: *The Starting Line for Personal Renewal*
  - a. Back to the beginning – Genesis 1-2 (p. 1)
    - i. V.6f
      1. God = Community of Love
      2. *Imago Dei*
        - a. Reasonable, Loving Creatures
          - i. Our participation in Word of God
            1. Cf., Col 1:15-17 (p. 983); John 1:1-5 (p. 886); 1 Cor 1:24 – “Christ...the Wisdom of God.”
          - ii. Our participation in Love of God
            1. Community of Love
              - a. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
                - i. Creation is an act of Love for love.
                - ii. Man/Adam created for loving relationships – God then Man
                - iii. Male + Female = Life (analogy)
                - iv. Purpose/*telos*
                - v. Ecclesiastes 3:11 – “He has placed Eternity in the heart of man”
                - vi. “Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you.”  
– St. Augustine, *Confessions*
  - b. The Fall – Genesis 3:1-8
    - i. Disordered desires – v. 4-6
      1. Be like God
      2. Good for food
      3. Delight to the eyes
      4. Make one wise
      5. = oppression
    - ii. Broken Relationship/Love
      1. Romans 3:22b-23 (p. 941); Romans 6:20-23 (p. 943)

- a. Cf., Jeremiah 31:31-33 (p. 660); Matt 5:20-30 (p. 810)
2. Aptitude vs. Ability
  - a. Retain *ability*
  - b. Lose *aptitude*
    - i. Two cities distinguished by loves
      1. City of God or City of Man, no Switzerland
      2. Both Cities catechize loves (even evangelize!)
        - a. How? Cultural Liturgies.
          - i. Rituals – the mall/stadium as Temple
          - ii. Pictures of “the Good life”
          - iii. “Sacraments” (means of “grace”)
      3. Proverbs 4:23 “Keep your heart with all vigilance [i.e., guard your heart], for from it flow the springs of life.”
- c. Worship as Rededication/Recalibration:
  - i. Word and Sacrament
  - ii. Baptism: Colossians 2:11-14 (p. 984); 1:13
    1. City of Man -> City of God
      - a. Restoration of heart
        - i. Ezekiel 36:25f (p. 724) -> Valley of Dry Bones
          1. Cf., Jeremiah 31:31-33
      - b. City of God -> City of Man?
        - i. Repentance and Personal Renewal!
  - iii. Eucharist: The Source and Summit of Christian Life
    1. Incarnation -> Real Presence
    2. John 6:35f (p. 892)
      - a. Cf., Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; 1 Cor 11:23-25