

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part X

The Augsburg Confession: Articles 20-21

I. *Article 20: Of Good Works—*

- a. Is the accusation fair, or accurate, that Lutherans forbid good works? Why or why not?

(What evidence do the Reformers/Confessors furnish for our answer?)

- b. What charge do the Reformers/Confessors make about the preaching of faith in many, many churches of the day?
- c. How does one obtain reconciliation, or righteousness, before God?
- d. What Scripture passages affirm that Christ is the only mediator between God and men?
- i.
 - ii.
- e. Do our human works have place when it comes to a man's reconciliation to, or justification before, God?
- i. What Scripture passage is furnished in support of this?

ii. Which Church Fathers (of Western Christendom) are summoned to give testimony to this?

- 1.
- 2.

iii. How is this teaching deeply comforting?

iv. How should one understand the word 'faith'?

f. Are good works necessary (in the Christian life)? Why or why not?

II. Of the Worship of Saints –

a. Ought one regard, or revere, saints (*i.e., believers in Christ gone before*)?

How, or why?

b. Ought one call upon the saints for mediation or for intercession?

Why or why not?

c. To whom ought we pray? Why?

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