

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part XIV

The Augsburg Confession: Article 25

Article 25: Of Confession—

- a. To what does the term 'Confession' refer in this article?

- b. The confessors greatly emphasize faith in the absolution.
 - i. What does this mean?

 - ii. Because of the former emphasis on 'satisfactions,' what had become of the mention of faith and Christ in absolution?

 - iii. What is the great benefit and comfort of absolution?

- c. Should a Christian be expected to enumerate all of his sins when confessing them? Why, or why not?

- d. If assurance of forgiveness hangs upon the enumeration of one's sins, what effect will this have on the penitent seeking the comfort and assurance of God's forgiveness?

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