

# *The Faith Once Delivered*

*An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions*

## Part XV

### *The Augsburg Confession: Article 26*

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#### *Article 26: Of the Distinction of Meats –*

a. What was believed about making distinctions between meats, and other human traditions?

b. The statement is made that the Church has suffered great damage due to the broadly taught persuasion concerning human traditions, and this in the following ways...

i. Firstly, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Which ought to stand out as the most prominent Biblical teaching?

2. Describe (if one even is able) the significance of the word “freely” in the phrase, “the faith which believes that sins are freely forgiven for Christ’s sake” (paragraph 5).

ii. Secondly, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

1. How did they obscure God’s commandments?

2. In our various callings, what sorts of duties are God-pleasing?

iii. Thirdly, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

How did traditions bring great danger to consciences?

c. What testimonies of sacred Scripture do the confessors marshal?

i. *From our Lord Jesus* –

ii. *From the Apostle Paul* –

1.

2.

3.

iii. *From the Apostle Peter* –

d. True or False? A salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, apart from works, necessarily means that one does not or need not care about subduing the flesh. \_\_\_\_\_

What are some testimonies of Scripture that support this?

e. Should all human traditions be eliminated? If not, what might be kept, and for what reason(s)?

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