

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part IV

Introduction to the Augsburg Confession

Articles 7-8

I. Article 7: The Church—

- a.** How many Churches exist, and for how long?

- b.** What is the Church?

- c.** What are the outward marks of the Church? —
 - i.**

 - ii.**

- d.** Describe or define each term below.
 - i.** Church-invisible

 - ii.** Church-visible

- e.** What is enough for the true unity of the Church?
 - i.**

 - ii.**

- f. What sorts of things are not necessary for the true unity of the Church?

II. *Article 8: What the Church Is—*

- a. Once again, the Church—properly speaking—consists of whom?

- b. In the assembly of those who gather about the Gospel rightly taught and the sacraments rightly administered, are there (or can there be) hypocrites?

How can we understand the word hypocrite, as used here?

- c. If sacraments should be administered to us/me by a clergyman who is, in fact, such a hypocrite, would this render the sacraments we/I receive ineffective?

For what reason?

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