

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part VIII

The Augsburg Confession: Articles 16-17

Article 16: Of Civil Affairs –

- a. Principally, against which Reformation era group is this article directed?

What are some modern-day direct descendants of this group?

- b. Why is it godly for governments to exist, and to issue godly laws, and for Christians to serve in positions of public service?
- c. When would a Christian refuse to obey the civil authorities?

Article 17: Of Christ's Return to Judgment –

- d. What is the Scriptural teaching, and our confession, concerning the following...
 - i. Christ's return: Hidden or glorious?
 - ii. The resurrection of all the dead?
 - iii. Eternal punishment for the ungodly?

- iv. Christ's return: The end of this world/age, or the establishment of an earthly kingdom yet in this world for the godly?

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