

The Faith Once Delivered

An Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions

Part IX

The Augsburg Confession: Articles 18-19

Article 18: Of Free Will—

- a. The question is: Does a man have free will? How do we answer that question with respect to the following...?
 - i. Of his own powers, can a man have free will with respect to *civil* righteousness and do the things subject to reason (i.e., outward obedience to laws, etc.)?
 - ii. Of his own powers, can a man have free will with respect to *spiritual* righteousness (i.e., righteousness before God)?
- b. What is an example of a man—even apart from the Holy Spirit—exercising *civil* righteousness?
- c. What Scripture passage is quoted to support the assertion that a man, of his own powers, has no power to work spiritual righteousness?
- d. In what way, alone, is righteousness worked in the heart of a man?
- e. Which church father is quoted at length in Article 18?

Article 19: Of the Cause of Sin—

- f. Since God has created and preserves nature, is He also the cause of sin?
- g. If God is not the cause of sin, then who is?
 - i.
 - ii.
- h. What Scripture passage is quoted in the Augsburg Confession in support of the assertion?

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