

GOD'S ANSWERS: SESSION ONE

A Study on Worldviews and the Augsburg Confession

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, Your Word is truth. Keep us steadfast in Your Word even as the evil one seeks to whisper his lies into our ears. Keep us with Your Son, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

Introduction

1. What is the Augsburg Confession?

2. What is the purpose of a confession like the Augsburg Confession for us as Christians today?

Basic Considerations

3. What is the relationship between God and truth?

4. What is the relationship between Satan and truth?

5. What does it mean that the devil is “the father of lies”?

6. Why does clinging to the truths of God matter?

7. How, ultimately, do the truths of God not only inform us, but also form us as God’s children?

God’s revealed truth — Augsburg Confession Article I

“Our Churches, with common consent, do teach that the decree of the Council of Nicaea *concerning the Unity of the Divine Essence and concerning the Three Persons*, is true and to be believed without any doubting; that is to say, there is one Divine Essence which is called and which is God: eternal, without body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness, the Maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible; and yet there are three Persons, of the same essence and power, who also are coeternal, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. And the term ‘person’ they use as the Fathers have used it, to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.”¹

¹ *Triglott Concordia: The Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church: German-Latin-English* (Saint Louis, MO: Concordia, 1921).

8. How is this truth (particularly the existence of God) undercut in our world?

9. Seeing that Satan uses elements of culture to wage war against the truths of God, what approach must we take when it comes to what we put before our eyes and allow into our ears?

CLOSING PRAYER

Ever-wise God, reveal to us Your truth in Your Word forever, and give us ears to hear, minds to understand and hearts to believe, that our lives may be daily formed by Your truths. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.