



GOD'S ANSWERS: Session One

What does this mean? – The role of God's truths and our culture's worldviews in shaping our thoughts.

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

Q: What is the Augsburg Confession?

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

Basic Considerations

Q: What is the relationship between God and truth?

Q: What is the relationship between Satan and truth?

Q: What does it mean that the devil is “the father of lies?”

Q: Why does clinging to the truths of God matter?

Q: How ultimately do the truths of God not only inform us, but form us as God’s children?

God’s revealed truth – Augsburg Confession Article One

Read aloud:

Our churches teach with common consent that the decree of the Council of Nicaea about the unity of the divine essence and the three persons is true. It is to be believed without any doubt. God is one divine essence who is eternal, without a body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. He is the maker and preserver of all things, visible and invisible (Nehemiah 9:6) Yet there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). These three persons are of the same essence as the Fathers have used it. We use it to signify, not a part or quality in another, but that which subsists of itself.

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

Q: Seeing as how Satan uses elements of culture to war against the truths of God, what approach must we take when it comes to what we put before our eyes and in 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, hearts to believe, and live formed by Your truths. We pray in Jesus’ holy name. Amen.