

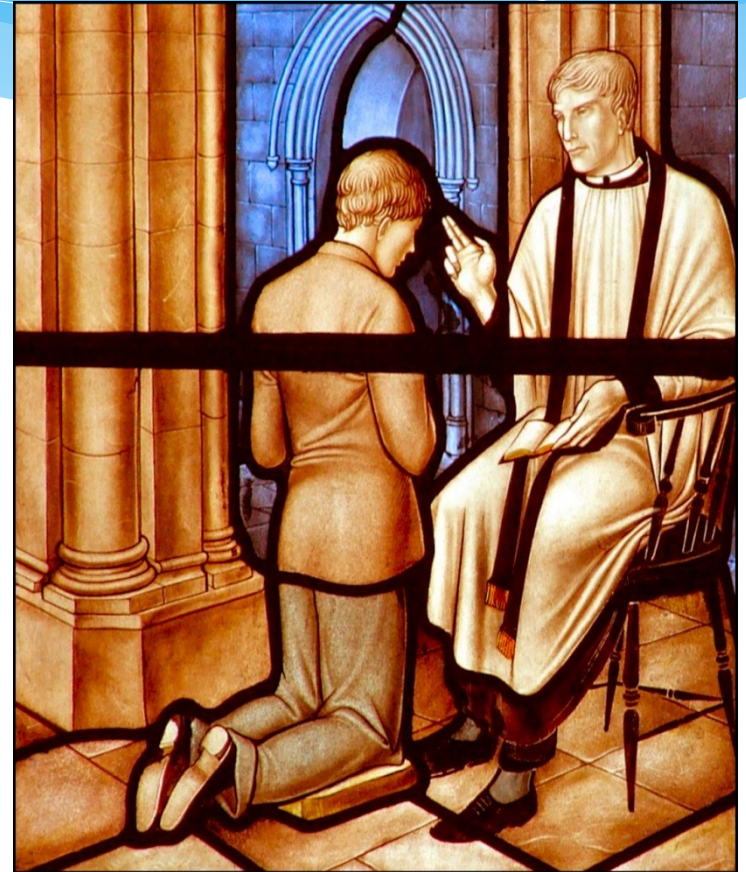
The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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✦ Our churches teach that private Absolution should be retained in the churches, although listing all sins is not necessary for Confession....



❖ ... For, according to the Psalm, it is impossible. “Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.” (Psalm 19:12).





It is impossible for a man to be freed from the habit of sin before he hates it, just as it is impossible to receive forgiveness before confessing his trespasses...

Ignatius of Antioch

Psalm 19:13-14

✚ **Psalm 19:13** “Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

**A true Christian
DESIRES TO BE
FREE FROM SIN,
NOT TO SIN FREELY.**

Galatians 5:13

✚ You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

I John 1:8-10

✚ **1 John 1:8** “If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”

James 5:16

† **James 5:16** “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”



Should we all confess our sins to one another we
would all laugh at one another for our lack of
originality.

(Khalil Gibran)

Hebrews 4:13-16

† **Hebrews 4:13** “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess....

†¹⁵ ... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 John 3:5

† 1 John 3:5 “You know that [Jesus] appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

✚ Lamentations 3:22 “Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

Matthew 18:18

✚ Matthew 18:18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."