

The Augsburg Confession of 1530


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- ❖ Our churches teach that although God creates and preserves nature, the cause of sin is located in the will of the wicked, that is, the devil and ungodly people.



✝ **Genesis 8:20** “Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

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- † **Romans 5:12** “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.”
 - † **1 John 3:8** “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”

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- ❖ Without God's help, this will turn itself away from God, as Christ says, "When he lies, he speaks out of his own character" (John 8:44).