

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

Article II: Original Sin

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†¹ Our churches teach that since the fall of Adam [Romans 5:12], all who are naturally born are born with sin [Psalm 51:5], ...

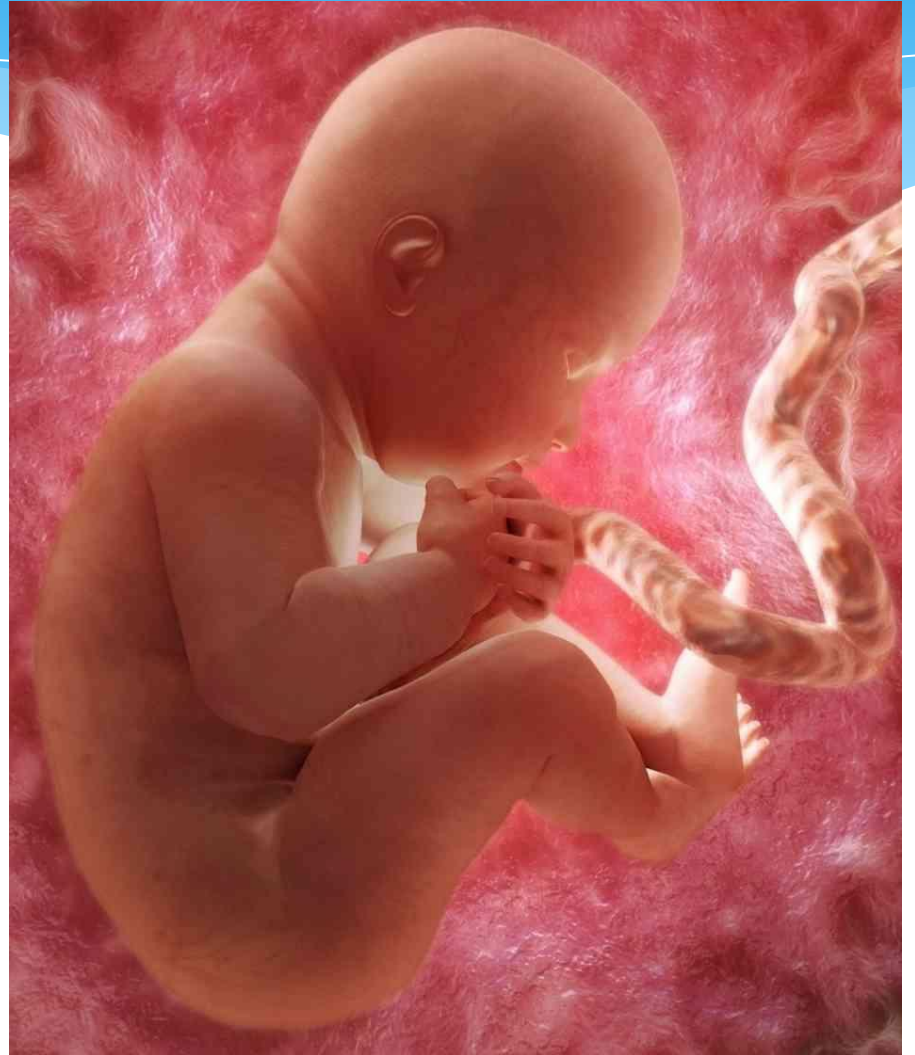
Romans 5:12

Romans 5:12 “... Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned...”

Psalm 51:5

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“Surely I was
sinful at birth,
sinful from the
time my mother
conceived me.”



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†... that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with the inclination to sin, called concupiscence.

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†² Concupiscence is a disease and original vice that is truly sin. It damns and brings eternal death on those who are not born anew through Baptism and the Holy Spirit [John 3:5].

John 3:5

John 3:5 “Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.”

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†³ Our churches condemn the Pelagians and others who deny that original depravity is sin, thus obscuring the glory of Christ's merit and benefits. Pelagians argue that a person can be justified before God by his own strength and reason.