

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

Article XXI:

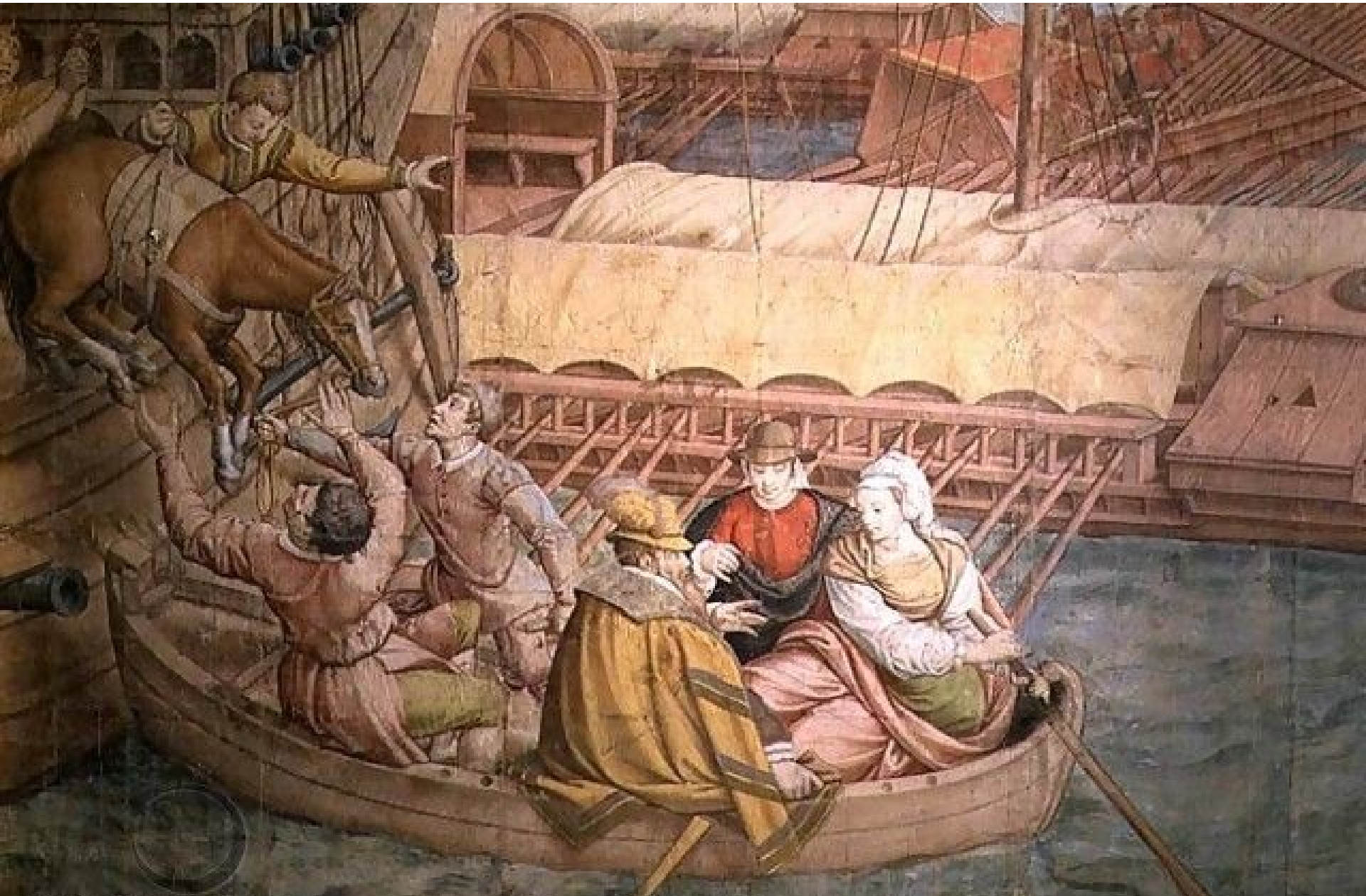
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❖ “Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling....”

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❖ ... “For example, the emperor may follow the example of David [2 Samuel] in making war to drive away the Turk from his country. For both are kings....”



Campaign of Emperor Charles V against the Turks at Tunis in 1535: the Battle of Goletta, detail of a horse being lowered into a boat by Jan Cornelisz Vermeyen



Siege and Conquest of Tunis, 1535



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- ❖ ... “But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor [1 Tim. 2:5–6]....”

1 Timothy 2:5-6

✝ 1 Timothy 2:5-6 “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men-- the testimony given in its proper time.”

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❖ ... “[Christ] is to be prayed to. He has promised that He will hear our prayer [John 14:13].
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John 14:12-13

† **John 14:12-13** “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.”

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❖ ... “This is the worship that He approves above all other worship, that He be called upon in all afflictions. “If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father” (1 John 2:1).”