

# The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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✝<sup>1</sup> Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God [John 1:14], assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.





**John 1:14** “The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the Only Begotten who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

# Hebrews 2:14-15

**Hebrews 2:14** “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death-- that is, the devil-- <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

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†<sup>2</sup> So there are two natures—the divine and the human—inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried.

# From the Athanasian Creed:

“Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:...

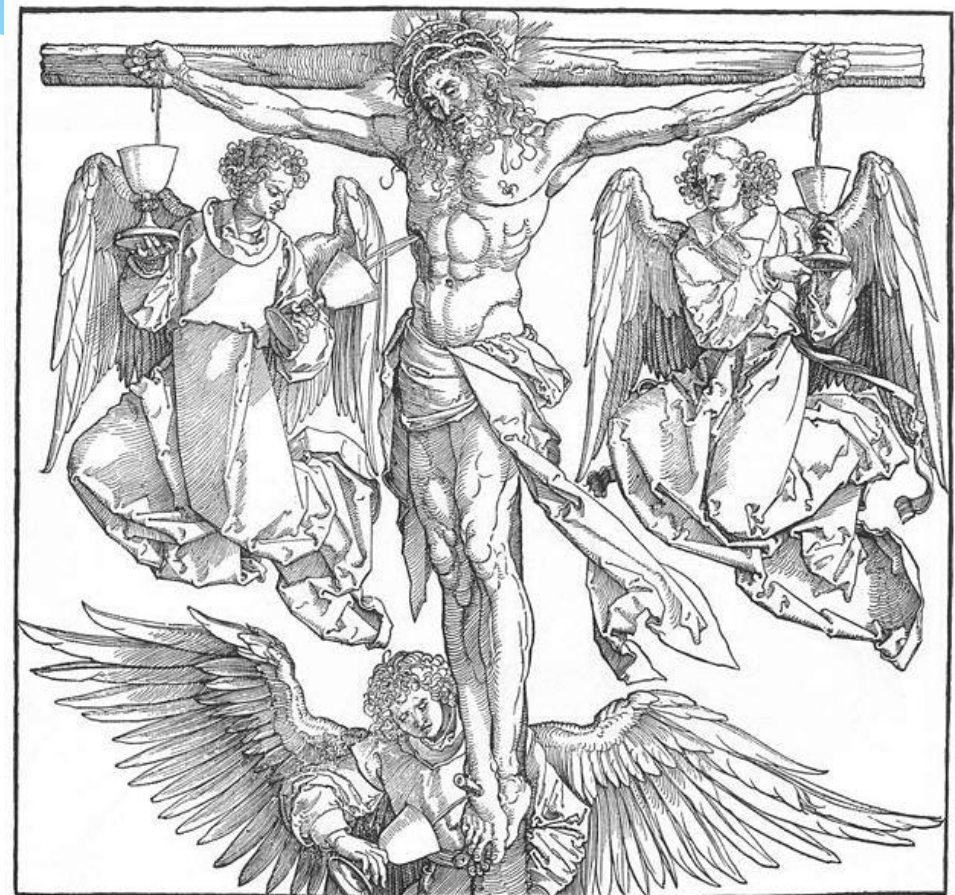
...perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, HE is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God.

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✝<sup>3</sup> He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind [John 1:29].





# John 1:29

**John 1:29** “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”



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✝<sup>4</sup> He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures.

# 1 Peter 3:18-19

**1 Peter 3:18** “For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,<sup>19</sup> through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison...”

# Ephesians 1:20-23

**Ephesians 1:20** “... [God] raised [Christ] from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”

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✝<sup>5</sup> “He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.”

## II Thessalonians 2:13

**2 Thessalonians 2:13** “But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.”

# John 6:63

**John 6:63** “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”

# 1 John 3:8

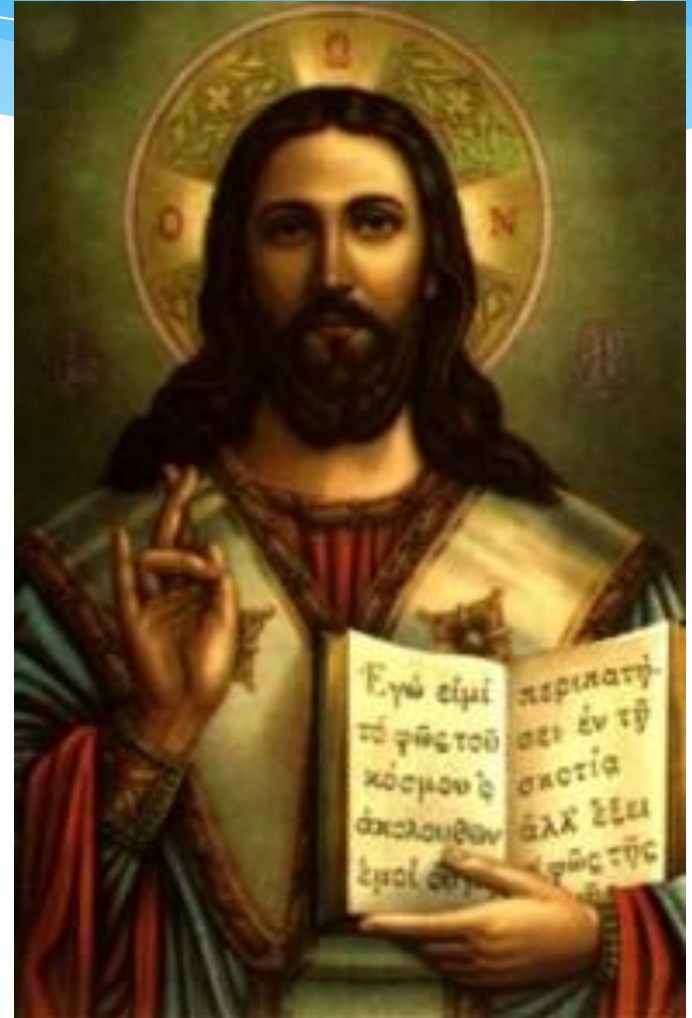
**1 John 3:8** “He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.”



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✝<sup>6</sup> The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.



# II Timothy 4:1

**2 Timothy 4:1** “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- with great patience and careful instruction.”