

The Augsburg Confession of 1530

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❖¹ Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit [Galatians 5:22–23].



Galatians 5:22-23

✚ **Galatians 5:22** “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

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- ❖ It is necessary to do good works commanded by God [Ephesians 2:10], because of God's will.

Ephesians 2:10

✚ **Ephesians 2:10** “For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Isaiah 64:8

✦ **Isaiah 64:8** “O LORD, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand.”



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- ❖ We should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. ² The forgiveness of sins and justification is received through faith.

Galatians 2:16

† **Galatians 2:16** “[A] man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.”

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- ❖ The voice of Christ testifies, “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty’ ” (Luke 17:10).

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- ❖₃ The Fathers teach the same thing. Ambrose says, “It is ordained of God that he who believes in Christ is saved, freely receiving forgiveness of sins, without works, through faith alone.”