
are there also. If to heaven, one must bring all else down as well, eg. tree of life, angels, etc. Let us sing, and do no more or no less than authorized.

Name

Lutherans wear the name of Martin Luther, their founder (LC page 152). This is clearly in conflict with the names, titles, and designations of the church found in the Bible; Matthew 16:18 (Church), v.19 (Kingdom); Romans 16:16 (churches of Christ); Ephesians 1:22-23 (Body); 1 Corinthians 1:2 (church of God). Also see 1 Peter 4:11. Names other than divine names are **NOT** according to God's oracles. Even Luther asked his followers **NOT** to call themselves after him, but to call themselves "*Christians, after Him from whom our doctrine comes*" (**Life of Luther**, page 262). Compare 1 Corinthians 1:11-13. Lutherans honor Luther. Christians honor God and Christ.

Festival Days

The Lutheran Churches observe "festival days and seasons", such as, The Advent Sundays (4 Sundays before Christmas), Christmas, Epiphany (1-6 Sundays), The Passion Season (6 Sundays), The Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Season. We are to do what we do because Jesus said so (Colossians 3:17, "*in the name*"). Where in the New Testament do we find authority for observing the days mentioned above? There is **NONE!** Even "*days*" that had been authorized under the first covenant were no longer to be observed under the New Covenant (Colossians 2:14-16; Galatians 4:10-11).

Conclusion

If you are a part of a group that teaches these things you must turn from these and other errors to the truth to be pleasing to God. (John 8:32).

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Matthew 15:9

7 Errors of Lutheran Doctrine



7 Errors of LUTHERAN DOCTRINE

Looking through Luther's Catechism, one will readily see several things that are at variance with what is taught in the New Testament. We will look at seven of them for this study. The Catechism used for reference is the **Wisconsin Synod's Catechism**, here in called **LC**.

On Baptism

Lutheran Doctrine says one may be baptized by "*pouring, sprinkling or immersing*" (LC page 193). Too, they say children (infants) may be baptized, or that someone may be baptized for them (LC page 194). Further, they say an unbaptized person **CAN** be saved if he has not despised baptism (LC page 198). Notice what these passages say: Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12 and Acts 8:38-39 they show baptism to be by **Burial**. There are no passages authorizing anything else. Second, Acts 8:37 and Mark 16:16 show the necessity of faith before one can be baptized. What baby can believe (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-10)? What baby can repent, confess and be baptized? If it cannot do these things, it cannot be baptized. Can an unbaptized person be saved? Please carefully consider these passages John 3:5; Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21. The answer according to these verses is clearly a resounding **NO!**

Lord's Supper

The Lutheran Church observe the Lord's Supper as a sacrament (LC page 219), practice "*closed communion*" (LC page 227), and believe the bread and fruit of the vine to be the real body and blood of Jesus (LC page 221). Where does the Bible teach the Lord's Supper is to be a sacrament? Where is the authority for forbidding anyone to commune with God? Why not forbid them to give, sing, pray, etc.? We should teach all that it is the Supper for the Lord's people, as in the contribution, but we go too far by closing it to them. The bread and fruit of the vine are no more the real body and blood of Jesus than He is a real door (John 10:9), vine (John 15:1), etc. The bread and fruit of the vine serve to remind us of Jesus and his sacrifice for us on the cross (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Christians In False Churches

Lutheran Doctrine teaches that there are Christians in false churches provided they profess Christ to be the Son of God (LC page 151). However, Jesus said every plant that God did not plant would be rooted up (Matthew 15:13). It is obvious what will happen to any part of such a plant (John 15:6). We are not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers, for Christ has no concord with

Belial (2 Corinthians 6:13-18). We must come out from among them, and be separate. That certainly includes false churches. In Revelation 2:6 we read of a false body called the Nicolaitans the Bible doesn't speak of saved people among them! (Revelation 2:6,15). It did say those connected with such were to repent (Revelation 2:15-16).

Original Sin

Lutheran Doctrine says that we have "*the Old Adam in us*" that is "*our inherited sinful nature known as original sin*" (LC page 202). Were we born in sin? **NO!** Children do not inherit sins from anyone (Ezekiel 18:4,20). Beloved, if sin is in our lives, it is because we have transgressed God's law (John 3:4) or worked unrighteousness (1 John 5:17). We are sinners because of what **WE DO, NOT** because of what someone before us did. Notice that those in sin went out, became, sinned (Romans 3:12,23). They "*acted*" to become sinners, rather than being born sinners as a result of inheritance.

Music

The Lutheran Church uses Mechanical Instruments of Music in their worship. All of the passages found in the New Testament: Matthew 26:29; Acts 16:25; Romans 15:9; 1 Corinthians 14:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 2:12 and James 5:16 all have sing in them. Where is play or play and sing mentioned? If we do what Jesus says (Colossians 3:17), and we do not add or subtract (Deuteronomy 4:2), what will we do? If one goes to the Old Testament for the instrument, he must take all of the sacrifices that
