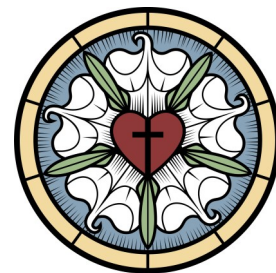


What Makes Lutherans Different from other Protestants?

Lesson 1 — The Bible and Means of Grace



The Lutheran Teaching about the Bible

2 Samuel 23:2-3
Matthew 1:22
Acts 28:25
Hebrews 1:1
Luke 1:69-70
1 Peter 1:10-11

We believe the Bible _____.

1 Corinthians 2:13
2 Timothy 3:16
2 Peter 1:21
John 10:34-35

We believe the Bible _____.

Romans 15:4
Deuteronomy 4:2
Revelation 22:18-19
Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

We believe the Bible _____.

John 17:17
Psalm 119:160

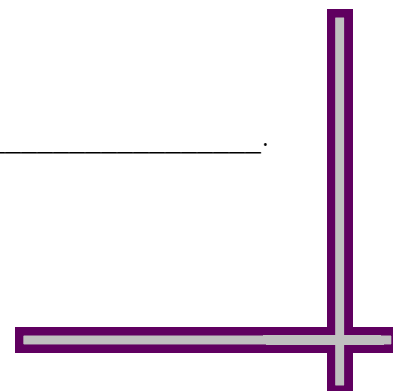
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Psalm 119:105
Isaiah 8:20
Ephesians 2:19-21
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2 Peter 3:16

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1 Corinthians 2:14
Romans 8:7
2 Corinthians 10:5

We believe the Bible _____.



What Do Other Protestants Teach about God's Word?

Some agree with us!

But, sadly, not all agree with us. Some common errors about the Word of God include:

- ▶ Gospel reductionism.
- ▶ Adding tradition and "the life and action of Christ's people in the world."
- ▶ The Bible isn't clear.
- ▶ Parts, but not all, of the Bible are God's Word.
- ▶ Interpretations based on science and culture of our time.
- ▶ Interpretations that are based on human reason.



Your friend is a Christian, but doesn't believe that all of the Bible is inspired by God. How do you discuss this issue with your friend?

"But that doesn't make sense," your Baptist friend says to you as you explain that you believe that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper. "How can he be present in the Lord's Supper at churches all of the world and still be in heaven?" he asks. How do you answer?

"It is just a matter of interpretation," your friend says. "Different churches interpret the Bible different ways. They are probably all right, to one degree or another." What should you say to your friend about how to interpret the Bible?

