

## A Few Weeks on “Lutheran Identity”

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1. The Significance of the Nineteenth Century religious “Ink Wars”.
2. How *Der Lutheraner* handles the epithet: “Old Lutheran” (Guess what, it’s not a new term).
3. Missourians *vis a vis* American Lutheranism and also “Grabau” Lutheranism.

### The Basis of our Unique Lutheran Identity

1. **The Bible is the Word of God** and is of ultimate authority. Vs. American politics and majority rule.
2. **The centrality of the Gospel in Scripture** as the doctrine that permeates and supports every doctrine and is threatened by false doctrine; vs. a view of “primary and secondary doctrines” where agreement in primary doctrines is necessary, but agreement in secondary doctrines is not.
3. **The doctrine of Christian freedom** - a doctrine. Violating this doctrine violates the Gospel standing under it.  
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Vs. using freedom in a way that causes the weak to sin by violating their consciences  
  
Vs. legalism that binds consciences to what God has not bound them and thus robs the Christian of the freedom in the Gospel.

### **Does Old Lutheranism Lead to Rome?** (DL Vol. 3)

1. The charge is not new....Carlstadt; then Zwingli