

“Nobody in Christendom has authority to do injury or to forbid the resisting of injury. There is no authority in the church except to promote good”—so Luther (*LW*, 44: 137 f.).

I should wish to add, *mutatis mutandis*, that there is no authority in the church except to tell the truth.

Why? Because our original call to be a human being, and thus to believe only what is true as well as to do only what is right, is irrevocable—for every Christian~~s~~ as much as for every other human being.

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