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## *Creeds and Confessions*

“This is what it means to be a heretic: one who understands the Scriptures otherwise than the Holy Spirit demands” (Thesis 64 of Luther’s *Disputation concerning the Humanity and Divinity of Christ*; WA 39/2, 98, 15).

The orthodox sense of theological speech is provided by Spirit-given “usages or formulations of speech” (*usum seu formulas loquendi*).

As Luther puts it in the Preface of the Disputation: “Therefore in order that we might somehow understand, God has given us *formulations of speech*, that Christ is God and man in one person, etc.” (emphasis added; *Ideo ut capere aliquomodo possimus, dedit Deus nobis formulas loquendi, quod Christus sit Deus et homo in una persona, etc.*,” referring to the Christological statement of the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon).

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