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Dear Bodo,

I enjoyed your article immensely! It was a marvel of clarity, and really helped me understand something of the basic issues dividing Lutherans and Calvinists in the sixteenth century. In fact, the exorcism issue is an excellent way, it seems to me, to illustrate the deeper problem of Pelagianism vs. Grace. I did not know that the Calvinists thought the children of Christian parents were considered among the elect, baptism or no! Did the Calvinists outrightly deny original sin?

Your article has certainly provoked my interest in the later developments of baptismal theology and urges me to read a number of the works you cite in your footnotes. Thank you! --And thank you for the lovely note you wrote on the cover of the article.

I will tell Robin Barnes what a pleasure it was to meet you, and I will have great fun discussing your article with him. I hope we can stay in touch, whatever happens in re the position at East Carolina. Regardless of anything else, meeting you made the trip to Greenville more than worthwhile. Thank you again for giving me so much of your time and support!

In deepest gratitude,

Susan A. Keefe