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Court Case in Hannover

**The Lutheran Church Has Confirmed
It Is Not Christian**

May the Lutheran Church call itself 'Christian'? This question was the focal point of litigation brought by the Free Christians for the Christ of the Sermon on the Mount against the regional church of Hannover. It's true that the Administrative Court of Hannover dismissed the charge filed by the six Free Christians, but merely on formal grounds: The plaintiffs are not authorized to institute proceedings.

Putting it in a nutshell, the spokesman for the Free Christians, Dr. Gert-Joachim Hetzel, stated: "Nevertheless, we won. For the unchristianity of the Lutheran Church was clearly stated in this case and was not with a single word disputed or refuted." The charged church did not even appear for the hearing, so that it wouldn't have to listen to its exposure. "Martin Luther," said Hetzel, "whom the Church wants to make us believe was a shining example, was actually a notorious anti-Semite, a despot and demagogue, a misanthrope and misogynist, one who agitated for the murder of peasants, Anabaptists and suspected 'witches.' None of this has the slightest thing to do with Jesus of Nazareth."

The Lutheran Church is also more involved in the present child-abuse scandals than was formerly thought. The main culprit in the Odenwald School is a well-known Lutheran theologian, who has been shielded by his church until today.

"The Lutheran church backed out today, thus confirming that it cannot be seen as 'Christian.' The word 'Christian' can be abused by anyone today, also by Luther and his followers," said Hetzel. "But fewer and fewer people believe them. The days of the abuse of the name 'Christian' and of fraudulent labeling are numbered." In a similar case a few weeks ago, a lawsuit against the Vatican Church was treated the same way – here, too, no one contradicted the opinion stating that the Roman-Catholic Church is not Christian.

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