



ROCC Equipping Classes

April 2021

Historical Christianity, Contemporary Faith



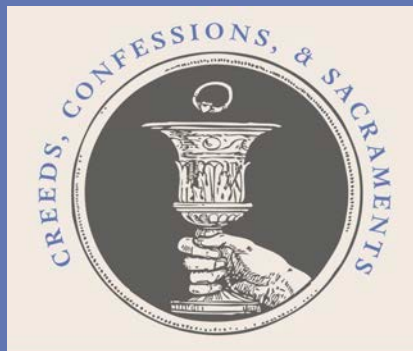


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Series 1: Church History

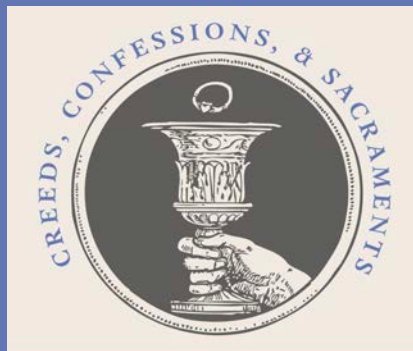
Series 2: The Bible

Series 3: Creeds, Confessions, and
Sacraments



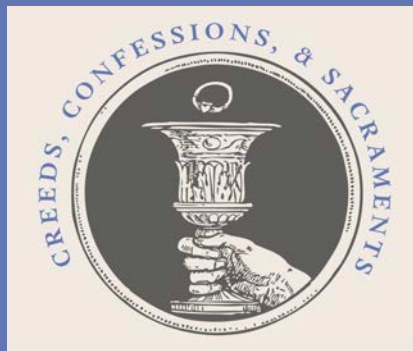
Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

To gain a deeper understanding
and appreciation for the origins,
views, and significance of these
distinctly "Christian" practices ...



Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

... in order to grow in personal
worship and be equipped for
opportunities of gospel sharing.



Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

Week 1: Creeds & Confessions

Week 2: Sacraments - Lord's Supper

Week 3: Sacraments - Baptism



Creeds & Confessions: I Believe ...

April 11, 2021 (Week 1 of 3)

Creeds

What is a creed?

Latin '*credo*' (I believe)

A simple summary of beliefs; easy to memorize and purposed for identity.

Creeds

Not a pledge, or oath.

Not a supernatural appeal.

Not a motto.

Creeds

**Not the Bible, but ...
completely biblical.**

Creeds - Origin

“Jesus is Lord”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Romans 10:9-10

1 Timothy 3:16



Creeds - Origin

“Rule of Faith”

1 Corinthians 11:2

2 Thessalonians 3:6




Creeds - Origin

Apostles Creed
Baptismal Formulas
5th-7th c. "Final"



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



Father

Son

Holy Spirit

Church

Eternal Life

Creeds - Origin

Nicene Creed

**AD 325 Constantine Council
Statement Against Arianism**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Father

Son

Holy Spirit
Church
Eternal Life

Creeds - Origin

Athanasian Creed

Chalcedonian Creed

Orthodox – “Straight Belief”

Heresy - “Choice”

Creeds - Views

**“No Creed, but the Bible.”
Ritual, mere liturgy.**

Creeds - Significance

Essential vs. Nonessential
Unifying Priority to Worship
Identifying Heresy
“What do you believe?”

Confessions

What is a confession?

Latin '*confiteri*' meaning
'to acknowledge'

A creedal declaration with
statements of unique or
denominational doctrine ...

Latin '*confiteri*' meaning
'to acknowledge'

... purposed for teaching
and further identity.

Confessions

**Open Acknowledgement
Early Ecumenical “Creeds”
Reformation Documents**

Confessions - Origin

Emperor Charles V



Confessions - Origin

Lutherans – Augsburg (1530)

Formula of Concord (1577)

Anglican – 39 Articles (1571)

Reformed – Canons of Dort (1619)

Presbyterian – Westminster (1648)

Confessions - Origin

Baptist – Baptist C of Faith (1689)

**Methodists – Articles of Religion of the
Methodist Church (1808)**

**Roman Catholic – Trent (1563), 2nd
Vatican (1965), C of CC (1990)**

Confessions - Origin

**Eastern Orthodox – Orthodox
Confession of Faith, Acts of the
Jerusalem Council (1672)**

Confessions - Significance

**Westminster Confession of Faith
Framework for Doctrine (Essential
and Non-Essential)**

Alignment of "the rooms" – Lewis

The Humble
ADVICE
Of the
ASSEMBLY
OF
DIVINES,

Now by Authority of *Parliament*
sitting at WESTMINSTER,

Concerning
A Confession of Faith :

With the QUOTATIONS and TEXTS of
SCRIPTURE annexed.

Presented by them lately to both Houses of Parliament.

Printed at LONDON;
AND

Re-printed at EDINBURGH by *Evan Tyler*, Printer to
the Kings most Excellent Majesty. 1647.

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Westminster Confession

1. Of the Holy Scripture
2. Of God, and of the Holy Trinity
3. Of God's Eternal Decree
4. Of Creation
5. Of Providence
6. Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof
7. Of God's Covenant with Man
8. Of Christ the Mediator
9. Of Free Will
10. Of Effectual Calling
11. Of Justification
12. Of Adoption
13. Of Sanctification
14. Of Saving Faith
15. Of Repentance unto Life
16. Of Good Works
17. Of the Perseverance of the Saints
18. Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation
19. Of the Law of God
20. Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience
21. Of Religious Worship, and the Sabbath Day
22. Of Lawful Oaths and Vows
23. Of the Civil Magistrate
24. Of Marriage and Divorce
25. Of the Church
26. Of the Communion of Saints
27. Of the Sacraments
28. Of Baptism
29. Of the Lord's Supper
30. Of Church Censures
31. Of Synods and Councils
32. Of the State of Men after Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead
33. Of the Last Judgment

I. Of the Holy Scripture

thewestminsterstandard.org

I. Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence, do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable;^a yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation;^b therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his Church;^c and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing;^d which maketh the holy Scripture to be most necessary;^e those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.^f

a. Psa 19:1-3; Rom 1:19-20; 1:32 with Rom. 2:1; 2:14-15. • b. 1 Cor 1:21; 2:13-14. • c. Heb 1:1. • d. Prov 22:19-21; Isa 8:19-20; Mat 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 1:3-4; Rom 15:4. • e. 2 Tim 3:15; 2 Pet 1:19. • f. Heb 1:1-2.

II. Under the name of holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testaments, which are these:

a. Luke 16:29, 31; Eph 2:20; 2 Tim 3:16; Rev 22:18-19.

Of the Old Testament

Genesis. Exodus.

Leviticus. Numbers.

II Chronicles. Ezra.

Nehemiah. Esther. Job.

Daniel. Hosea. Joel. Amos.

Obadiah. Jonah. Micah.

Catechism's (teaching)

Luther Small Catechism

Westminster Catechisms

New City Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 11:36; Ps. 73:25-28.

Q. 2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

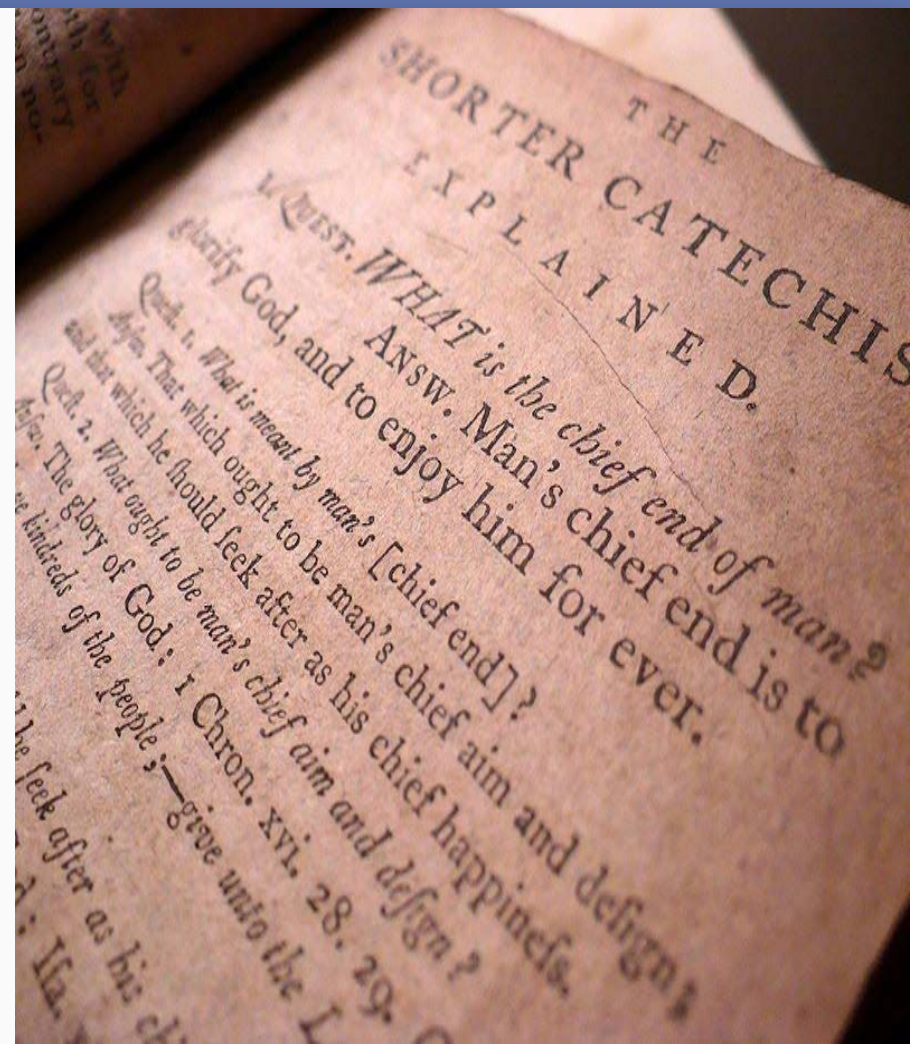
A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

2 Tim. 3:16; Eph. 2:20; 1 John 1:3-4.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

2 Tim. 1:13; 2 Tim. 3:16.





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