

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana  
 1689 Second London Baptist Confession: “Introduction to Confessional Theology, Part 2”  
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- Primer Questions
  
- What does the Bible say about Confessions of Faith?
  - **The Old Testament** Deuteronomy 6:4, “Hear O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”
  
  - **The New Testament**
    - Romans 10:9-10 says, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”
  
    - 1 John 4:2 “By this you know the Spirit of god: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.”
  
    - 1 John 4:15 says, “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.”
  
    - In 2 John 7, to deny the confession is a denial of orthodoxy. “Those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh, such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.”
  
    - **An Expanding Confession**
      - 1 Corinthians 8:5-6, “For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as indeed there are many ‘gods’ and many ‘Lords’ - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.”
  
      - 1 Timothy 2:5. Paul says there is “one God and there is one Mediator between God and men, the man, Jesus Christ.”
  
      - Ephesians 4:4-5, “There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”
  
    - **Further Elaboration on the Expanded Confession:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, “For I delivered to you as of first importance, what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.”

- **Further Additions to the Confession:** 1 Timothy 3:15-16, Paul writes so that “you may know how to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. Great indeed we confess is the mystery of godliness: ‘He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.’”
  
- **An Encyclopedic Confession:** Romans 16:17, “I appeal to you brothers to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught: avoid them.”
  
- **A Pattern or System of Human Words About the Bible**
  - 2 Timothy 1:13, “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”
  
  - Romans 6:17, “But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed.”
  
- **The Church’s Expanding Confession Through Church History**

- **Closing Summary**