

First Baptist Church of Clinton, Louisiana
1689 Second London Baptist Confession: “Of the Holy Scriptures, Part 2”
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- Primer Questions
- First, the Scriptures’ Inspiration
- The Apocrypha
- The Properties of Scripture
 - Authority (Paragraphs 4-5).
 - Perfection (Paragraph 6)
 - Difference between the Westminster Confession and the Savoy Declaration vs. the Second London Baptist Confession: “good and necessary consequence” vs “necessarily contained”
 - Clarifications
 - Perfection doesn’t deny spiritual illumination.
 - Perfection doesn’t deny Christian prudence and right reason.

- Perspicuity or Clarity (Paragraph 7)
 - Misunderstanding
 - Meaning:
 - Arguments for the clarity of Scripture
 1. Sufficiency of Scripture
 2. Conviction of Scripture
 3. Specific biblical texts on “clarity”
- The Use of Scripture (Paragraphs 8-10): Four principles are taught here.
 - First, the Scriptures in the original languages come down to us without corruption and are therefore authentic. (paragraph 8a)
 - Second, the Scriptures are to be translated into the common language of every nation. (paragraph 8b)
 - Third, the infallible rule of the interpretation of Scripture is Scripture itself. (paragraph 9)
 - Fourth, the Scriptures are the supreme standard of religious truth and the supreme judge of all controversies in religion. (paragraph 10)