

Second London Confession, Chapter 2, Paragraph 3.  
The Trinity  
April 30, 2017

- Report on the General Assembly of the Association of Reformed Baptist Churches of America from last week.
- Read all 3 paragraphs of Chapter 2 of the confession.
- Review of last week's teaching.
  
- The doctrine of the "eternal generation of the Son."
  - Statement of the Doctrine: From all eternity, the person (or subsistence) of the Son was generated from the Father. "the Son is eternally begotten of the Father."
  
  - Some illustrations given by the early church to describe this.
  
  - Arguments for Eternal Generation.
    - The Bible teaches the begottenness of the Son explicitly.
  
    - The Bible teaches that the Father gave the Son to have life in Himself.
  
    - The Son of God is called the wisdom of God.
  
    - The term "Father" is used of the relation of the first person to the Son before the incarnation.
  
    - The argument that the term "Son" only signifies equality does not carry conviction.
  
    - Without eternal generation and eternal procession, it's impossible to distinguish among the persons of the Trinity.

- Now notice this last statement: “which doctrine of the Trinity is the foundation of all our communion with God, and comfortable dependence on Him.”