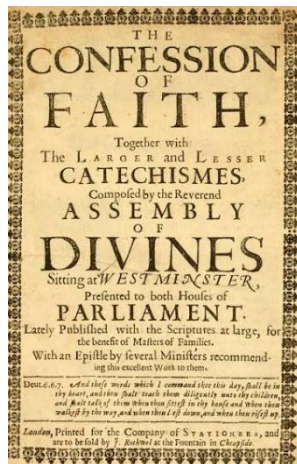


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The Westminster Confession of Faith - Our Necessary Creed -

In the year 1643, the English Parliament commissioned a group of 121 spiritual and intellectual men from the cream of the British Isles who came together in the Westminster Abbey in London to deliberate and formulate a body of divinity or a set of Christian doctrines (ie from the sovereignty of God, redemption, covenant theology to the authority of scriptures to understanding of the man and Church polity and true worship ,the sacraments and eschatology among others) which would represent the beliefs and doctrines of the Reformed position.

They had 1163 sessions altogether from 1 July 1643 to 22 February 1648 in the formulation and promulgation of Christian truth that will be of immeasurable spiritual benefit to the generation to come. The vows taken by



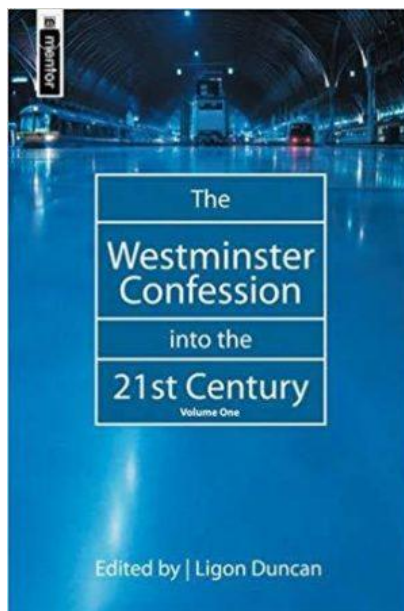
these Westminster Divines every Monday morning were: *'I do seriously promise and vow in the presence of the Almighty God that in this whereof I am a member, I will maintain nothing in point of doctrine but what I believe to be most agreeable to the Word of God nor in the point of discipline but what may make for God's glory and the peace and good of his Church'. (Gordon H Clark, What do Presbyterians Believe? NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1965, XI).*

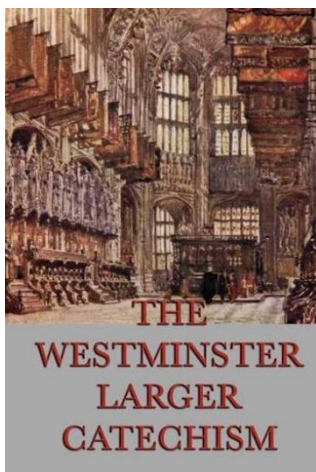
This confession sanctioned by the English parliament when Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector, left behind for us today a **rich legacy of biblical truth, a complete and impregnable statement to serve as a bulwark against error, as a basis of ecclesiastical fellowship and cooperation and as a safe and effective instrument for the religious instruction of the people of God**. The saintly men of God that formulated the Confession comprises 4 groups of representatives from the Presbyterians, the Independents, the Erastians and the Episcopalians and included prominent names of godly men like William Tisbe, Samuel Rutherford, George Gillespie, Thomas Goodwin, John Lightfoot, Thomas Cartwright, James Ussher and Jeremiah Burroughs among others.

Purposes of the Westminster Confession of Faith

Briefly, I will summarise them into 5 points:

1. **The confession is an excellent summary of sound biblical Christian doctrines.** It encapsulates all the major teachings of the Protestant faith in a succinct and yet comprehensive form.
2. **It is a guard against false teachings and practice.** This is the standard second to the Scriptures that we can refer to as a most helpful guide against all the insidious and aberrant teachings in the Christian world today.
3. **It is a form of catechism and substantive religious teaching.** What can be a better tool for teaching in our Sunday School, Bible colleges or for those who seek water baptism but the Shorter Catechism with all the important truths covered in that wonderful question and answer method.
4. **It is a rallying point for sound Christian unity.** In the true spirit of Christian ecumenism (not the way the WCC is doing it today with all its unacceptable compromises but the ICCC today that still stand on it) the Westminster Confession can serve as a unifying point for all true believers who adhere to the historic Christian faith with the fundamentals of the Christian religion upheld and defended.
5. **It is to shape and regulate theological thinking and public teaching and preaching.** One of the best source and place to teach the Word of God is to explain the doctrines contained in this peerless book to the growing congregation to build up and strengthen their most holy faith.





Westminster Standards - Larger and Shorter Catechisms

The Westminster divines did not only leave behind for us the Confession but also the Larger Catechism (196 longer questions and answers), the Shorter Catechism (107), the Directory of Public Worship, the Presbyterian Form of Church Government and the Sum of Saving Knowledge.

Today, preachers often neglect the wealth of material in the larger catechism with all its 196 doctrinal questions answered in a most logical and exhaustive manner and with all the scripture references. The directory of worship tells us how we ought to conduct ourselves in the Lord's house and the manner in which true worship is practised in a God-honouring Church. The sum of

saving knowledge reveals to us the covenant of grace, the remedy of sin provided by our Lord Jesus and the means by which the elect can partake of this saving grace, a most excellent treatment of the theme of divine eternal redemption.

John Richardson has this to say of the Confession:

During the past three decades, many Presbyterians have ignored or failed to appreciate the wealth of Christian truth found in the Westminster Confession of faith, the official creed of Presbyterianism, the result is that the Calvinistic system means little to them. This neglect of our inheritance has proved to be expensive to our Church. This is a source of weakness. Many who were labeled Presbyterians are destitute of knowledge and respect for this classical creedal statement of the Church.

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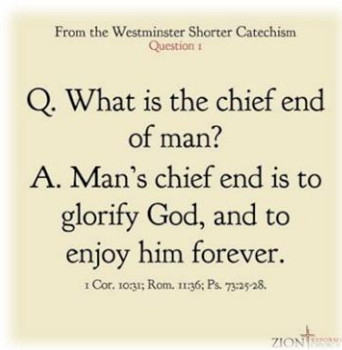
Conclusion

Are you and your church familiar with the Westminster Confession? I would like to end by borrowing the words of the Psalmist in an allegorical way Psalms 48:12, 13 *'Walk about Zion and go around her tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces that ye may tell it to the generations following.'*

Sadly, many of our members in the BPCs are ignorant of the Confession. The BP Church has the Westminster Confession of Faith as our creedal statement in the original BP constitution in the 1950s (but some may have taken it out). Should we be ignorant or negligent of our rich Presbyterian heritage in our Reformed doctrinal position? **We will be deeply impoverished if we have neglected this sound and needful creed for our churches today.**

May this be our understanding and application of the Westminster Confession of Faith that we may know it so well and to practise it that we may be apt to teach it to the generations that is come to the edification of saints and to the glory and honour of the name of God.

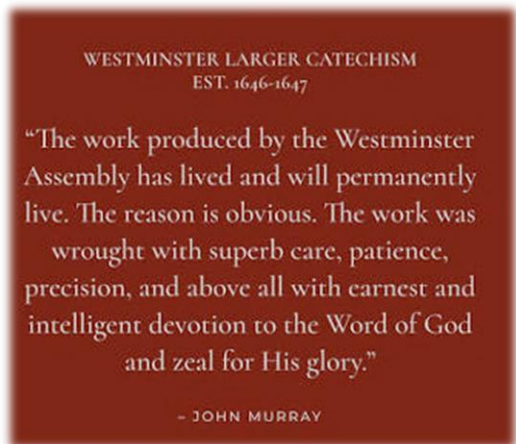
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OUR BELIEFS

What we Profess - Our Doctrine

THE DOCTRINE OF OUR CHURCH IS CONSISTENT WITH "THE REFORMED FAITH" AS EXPRESSED IN THE CONFESSION OF FAITH BY THE HISTORIC WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY, TOGETHER WITH THE LARGER AND SHORTER CATECHISMS (1643-47).



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**Pulpit Program
Oct to Dec 2026**

**APOSTOLIC
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for Finishing Well in Life
(Book of 2 Timothy)

- OCT** 4 Call to Remembrance & Courage [2Tim 1:1-7]
11 How am I Saved & Safe? [2Tim 1:8-12]
18 Holding On to Sound Words [2Tim 1:13-18]
25 **Reformation Sunday**: The Precepts & Practices of the
Reformation [Jer 6:16, Phil 1:27]
- NOV** 1 The 4-Fold analogy of a Christian [2Tim 2:1-6]
8 Sacred Duty of every Christian [2Tim 2:7-18]
15 Being Vessels of Honour for God [2Tim 2:19-26]
22 Attributes of people in the last days [2Tim 3:1-7]
29 Doctrine and purpose of life [2Tim 3:8-14]
- DEC** 6 Inspiration & 4-Fold Use of Scripture [2Tim 3:15-17]
13 Summon to Effective Ministry [2Tim 4:1-5]
20 Poignant Parting Words of Paul [2Tim 4:6-10]
24 **Christmas Eve Service**: Those Who Missed Christmas &
Those Who Didn't (Matt 2:1-15, Lk 2:25-39)
27 Faithful Co-Laborers with the Apostle [2Tim 4:11-22]
31 **Watchnight Service** When our Time is Up [Amos 4:1-12]

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MY CALLING INTO THE FULL TIME MINISTRY

Cuddled in the valley of serene placid lakes,
With breaths of heavenly inspiration gladly I take,
Nestled in the unspoilt tranquil drift,
To that high calling my spirit I lift.

Dwelling on the Saviour's sovereign call,
How can I escape or reject at all?
Constrained by my Master's love and grace,
I must obey Him and seek His face

Thinking of the work and the ministry ahead,
I humbly bow to my Lord in bed,
Asking for wisdom, counsel and strength,
Praying He'll lead me in His heavenly plan

O Lord grant that I will never grow cold,
That to your kingdom I will ever be sold,
I will direct sinners and aid saints to grow,
And in your Word will I strive to know.

Though there are gleams of joy and clouds of doubts,
In that blessed estate, my soul was tossed about,
In those quiet moments as I pondered His power,
I finally submit in the enchantment of the hour.

O that I will serve you through the years,
Into the battle I'll go but fraught with fears
In all the vicissitudes of life, preserve me still
O Lord of hosts, I'll abide in your holy hill.

Jack Sin

22 Jun 1992, Ambleside, England

Memory Verse

Deut 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Doctrine of Moses Applied (Deut 32:1-21)***", concluding the quarterly series on "***Precious Insights from a Veteran Prophet - the Book of Deuteronomy***".
3. Next Sunday is Gospel Sunday. Pastor will preach on "***Living Life with the Son, not just under the Sun [1Jn 1:1-10]***". **Invite someone for the Gospel Sunday**
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walk Thru the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Revelation (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**]. Join us for time of learning on the Book of Hosea (Thirdmill video lessons) and Heroes of the Faith (messages).
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
7. Pray for:
 - **Gospel Sunday on 27 Sep**
 - **Travel: Eld YK, Albert & Janet, John W** [Gideons Conference in Sabah, 16-23 Sep].
 - **Joseph & Rachel:** Gospel Peace Station and void deck outreaches
 - **Medical: Simon** [hospitalization, depression], **Kin Hoong's daughter Joyce** [chemotherapy], **Ps Babu's father-in-law** [treatment options for pancreatic cancer]
 - **Lily Almon** [citizenship application]
 - **Mission Trip to Myanmar [10-17 Nov]**
8. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church**
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.