

## **Preface to The Fundamentals Of Our Faith**

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This is a short course in systematic theology based on the Second London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, often referred to as "the 1689 Confession" in brief. It arose from many rounds of teaching this Confession of Faith to the churches founded, under God's grace, since the early 1980s in Malaysia. It follows closely the chapters of the Confession of Faith, paraphrasing the content, and drawing out implications.

This manual is suitable not only for Bible Study classes in church, but also to be a textbook or workbook of basic doctrine in seminaries and colleges. It is pitched at the level of a Certificate programme, equivalent to the first year of a Bachelor degree programme. Each chapter heading is accompanied by a relevant Bible passage suitable for reading at the beginning of a class. Each paragraph ends with relevant Bible texts, some or all of which may be consulted to confirm what is taught. Each chapter ends with ten review questions to be answered in writing in a seminary/college course to reinforce the lesson. An assignment question follows, which may be answered in writing or discussed in small groups. A short memory passage is provided to round off the training, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry (Eph 4:12)".

It is hoped that this manual will find a wider use among Christians of all denominations, to strengthen faith and to disciple new converts, leading to a deeper appreciation of God's word. Reformed Baptist churches would do well to teach the Confession of Faith to its members every few years. May all the tribes of Israel increase, to the glory of the chief Shepherd!

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