

Second London Confession Chapter 1: The Holy Scriptures

I. The Necessity (Indispensability) of Scripture (Ps. 19:1-3; Isaiah 8: 20; Luke 16: 29, 31; Rom. 1:19-21; Ephesians 2: 20; 2 Timothy 3:15– 17)

II. The Identity (Canon) of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16)

III. The Imitation of Scripture (Luke 24:27, 44; Rom. 3:2)

IV. The Authority of Scripture (Rom. 16:25, 26; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:16-21; 3:1, 2, 16)

-Augustine: *“The new is in the old concealed. The old is in the new revealed.”*

V. The Authenticity of Scripture (1 Cor. 2:14; 1 Thess. 1:5, 6)

VI. The Sufficiency of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:15-17)

VII. The Clarity (Perspicuity) of Scripture (Ps. 19:7; 2 Tim. 3:15; 2 Pet. 3:16)

VIII. The Transmission (Preservation) of Scripture (Ps. 1:2; John 4:23; Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 14:9, 11, 12)

IX. The Interpretation of Scripture

-Analogy of Faith: “a reformed hermeneutical principle which states that, since all the Scriptures are harmoniously united with no essential contradictions, therefore, every proposed interpretation of any passage must be compared with what the other parts of the Bible teach” See 1 Pet. 1:1, 2 with Rom. 8:29.

X. The Supremacy of Scripture (Matt. 22:29; Acts 28:23)