

# **OGC CONFESSION CLASS—SPRING 2016**

There never was a man in the world without a creed. What is a creed? A creed is what you believe. What is a confession? It is a declaration of what you believe. That declaration may be oral or it may be committed to writing, but the creed is there either expressed or implied.

*-B. H. Carroll*

What can you count on in this class?

1. What we hope to accomplish
2. What we won't be able to accomplish
3. Format of the class
4. Breakdown of Subjects

Why we need a confession?

1. Clarity and definition
2. Found in Scripture
3. The Church is "the pillar and foundation of the truth"
4. No Creed but the Bible?
5. Liberty of Conscience?
6. A negative confession is not enough.

Introduction of the Second London Baptist Confession of 1689

1. Explanation of Philosophy
2. Intense Persecution
3. The risks they took to make it happen
4. Unity with other Puritans

Why did this confession follow the pattern that it did?

1. Closer to Presbyterian documents than the preceding confessions
2. Wightman, Spilsbury, Collier, Backus, Powell, Jessey, Gill, Taylor, Smyth, Helwys, Leland, Holmes

Orlando Grace subscribes to this confession!

1. What effect does that have on me?
2. What does it mean to actually subscribe to a confession personally?
3. What we can look forward to next week!

As we were baptized, so we profess our belief. As we profess our belief, so also we offer praise. As then baptism has been given us by the Savior, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, so, in accordance with our baptism, we make the confession of the creed, and our doxology in accordance with our creed. —*Saint Basil*