

Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Two

WCF 1 – Of the Holy Scripture

“The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12 NKJV).

- I. Historical Background
 - a. Reformation Battle over Scripture
 - b. *Sola Scriptura*
 - i. *Norma normans*
 - ii. *Norma normata*
 - c. Why begin with Scripture?
- II. Attributes of Scripture
 - a. Necessary (1.1) – Romans 1:19-20; 10:13-15
 - b. Sufficient (1.2-3, 6)
 - c. Authoritative (1.4)
 - d. Self-attesting (1.5)

e. Perspicuous (1.7, 9)

f. Preserved (1.8)

g. Final (1.10)

III. Applications

a. Study Scripture!

b. Know Scripture!

c. Obey Scripture!

Helpful Resources

Sproul, R. C., and Norman Geisler. *Explaining Biblical Inerrancy: The Chicago Statements on Biblical Inerrancy, Hermeneutics, and Application with Official ICBI Commentary*. Arlington, TX: Bastion Books, 2013. (Beginner)

Van Dixhoorn, Chad. *Confessing the Faith: A Reader's Guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith*. Carlisle, PA: The Banner of Truth Trust, 2014; pp. 3-28. (Beginner)

Warfield, Benjamin Breckinridge. *Revelation and Inspiration*. Vol. 1. The Works of Benjamin B. Warfield. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1932. (Advanced)

Williamson, G. I. *The Westminster Confession of Faith: For Study Classes*. 2nd ed. Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing, 2004; pp. 1-29. (Intermediate)