

An Exposition of the 2nd (1689) London Baptist Confession
Chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity

1. The Lord our God is but (a) one only living, and true God; whose (b) subsistence is in and of himself, (c) infinite in being, and perfection, whose Essence cannot be comprehended by any but himself; (d) a most pure spirit, (e) invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light, which no man can approach unto; who is (f) immutable, (g) immense, (h) eternal, incomprehensible, (i) Almighty, every way infinite, (k) most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute, (l) working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable, and most righteous will, (m) for his own glory, most loving, gracious, merciful, long suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin, (n) the rewarder of them that diligently seek him, and withal most just, (o) and terrible in his judgments, (p) hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the (q) guilty.

a 1 Cor. 8:4,6; Deut. 6:4 b Jer. 10:10; Isa. 48:12 c Exod. 3:14 d John 4:24 e 1 Tim. 1:17; Deut. 4:15–16 f Mal. 3:6 g 1 Kings 8:27; Jer. 23:23 h Ps. 90:2 i Gen. 17:1 k Isa. 6:3 l Ps. 115:3; Isa. 46:10 m Prov. 16:4; Rom. 11:36 n Exod. 34:6–7; Heb. 11:6 o Neh. 9:32–33 p Ps. 5:5–6 q Exod. 34:7; Nahum 1:2–3

Review:

- A history of confessions (March 3)
- An introduction to the 2nd London Baptist Confession (March 10)
- Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures
- An excursus on Bible Study method where we worked through the ROADMAP acronym.
- Chapter 2: Of God and the Holy Trinity

1. The Lord our God is but (a) one only living, and true God;

Scriptural Support:

- 1 Cor 8:4,6; Deut. 6:4

Application:

- We as Gentiles serve the one true and living God. He is our God (Psalm 148:11-14; Ephesians 2:11-22).
- Implications of Him being our God from Psalm 16.
- We are commanded to love the one only living and true God (Deut 6:4-9).

2. whose (b) subsistence is in and of himself, (c) infinite in being, and perfection,

Scriptural Support:

- Jer. 10:10; Isa. 48:12; Exodus 3:14

Application:

- God does not need us (Acts 17:25).
- God is able to meet us in our need.

3. (h) eternal, incomprehensible,

Scriptural Support:

- Ps 90:2

Application:

- Both that God is eternal and incomprehensible should bring about humility in us.

4. (l) *working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable, and most righteous will,*

Scriptural Support:

- Ps 115:3; Psalm 46:10

Application:

- We can have confidence that our God is sovereignly accomplishing His purposes.
- We can seek His glory and that He would be exalted among the earth.

5. (m) *for his own glory*

Scriptural Support:

- Proverbs 16:4; Romans 11:36

Application:

- God is God and it is right that all things are for His glory.

6. (p) *hating all sin*

Scriptural Support:

- Psalm 5:5-6 (4-6)

Application:

- God hates all sin, so take refuge in His provision for you in Christ.
- God hates all sin, so fight your sin in light of the cross and by the power of the Holy Spirit.