

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter 2: Of God, and of the Holy Trinity
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1. There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

Key Ideas:

- there is only one God
- God is eternal (“preexistent”)
- God is spirit
- God is holy in his attributes
- God is sovereign over all
- God is both gracious and just

Key Scriptures:

1. Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:4, 6
2. Jer 10:10; 1 Thess 1:9
3. Job 11:7-9, 26:14
4. John 4:24
5. 1 Tim 1:17
6. Deut 4:15-16
7. Acts 14:11, 15
8. Mal 3:6; Jas 1:17
9. 1 Kings 8:27; Jer 23:23-24
10. Ps 90:2
11. Ps 145:3
12. Gen 17:1
13. Rom 16:27
14. Is 6:3; Rev 4:8
15. Ps 115:3
16. Ex 3:14
17. Eph 1:11
18. Prov 16:4
19. 1 John 4:8, 16
20. Ex 34:6-7
21. Heb 11:6
22. Neh 9:32-33
23. Ps 5:5-6
24. Nah 1:2-3

2. God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, he is pleased to require of them.

Key Ideas:

- God is the source of all being
- God’s creation brings glory to him
- all things are “from” him and “to” him
- God does as he pleases in all his creation
- God’s will does not depend upon the creature
- God is holy in all his commands and works

Key Scriptures:

1. John 5:26
2. Acts 7:2
3. Ps 119:68
4. Rom 9:5; 1 Tim 6:15
5. Acts 17:24-25
6. Job 22:2-3
7. Rom 11:36
8. Dan 4:25, 35; Rev 4:11
9. Heb 4:13
10. Ps 147:5; Rom 11:33-34
11. Eze 11:5; Acts 15:18
12. Psa 145:17; Rom 7:12
13. Rev 5:12-14

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Tom Pennington: “God is sovereign and is in complete control of history. He has mapped it out and it is going to happen exactly according to his plan; exactly as he chooses. Don’t be afraid of what might come, because he is on his throne.”

Next week: Chapter 2, Part 2 (The Trinity)