

Conscientious Confessionalism: Foundation to Worship

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- I. Why some do not want to be confessional Baptists
 - a. Events
 - b. Only the Bible is authoritative and they usurp the place of the Bible.
 - c. Some Baptists have seen creeds as “instruments of cruelty” used by state churches
 - d. To mask their disbelief of foundational doctrines contained in the confessions
 - e. Recent Festschrift

- II. Principles
 - a. Truth as opposed to error
 1. Jesus' concern for truth
 2. Falling into heresy is leaving the truth. 2 Timothy 2:17, 18
 3. Regeneration is from the truth. – James 1:18
 4. Apostolic witness – 1 John 4:5, 6
 - b. Truth call for careful articulation and distinguishing one thing from another
 1. Gospel more than just a word – Galatians 1:6-9
 2. Gospel and Christ must be defined. – 2 Cor. 11:2-4
 3. What is the relationship between eternal life that comes from justification and eternal life as connected with sanctification?
Romans 5:2-, 21; 6:1,2, 21-23
 4. Truth opposed to myths and human speculations – Titus 1:10-14
 - c. Truth is coherent, synthetic, and systematic.
 - d. Truth is saving.

- III. Biblical examples of confessions both for witness and worship.
 - a. Deuteronomy 6:4ff
 - b. Matthew 16
 - c. 1 Timothy 1:15
 - d. 1 Timothy 3:16
 - e. 1 Timothy 4:9, 10
 - f. 2 Timothy 1:8-14
 - g. 2 Timothy 2:11
 - h. Philippians 2:5-11
 - i. 1 John 4:2ff
 - j. Revelations 4:8, 11; 5:9, 12-14

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