

*Things Most Surely Believed Among Us:*  
An Exposition of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith  
Chapter 1: Of the Holy Scriptures

**I. THE NECESSITY OF THE SCRIPTURES** (Paragraph 1)

**II. THE IDENTITY OF THE SCRIPTURES** (Paragraphs 2-3)

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**V. THE PERSPICUITY OF THE SCRIPTURES** (Paragraph 7)

**A. THE QUALIFICATION OF SCRIPTURE'S CLARITY**

1. All Things in Scripture Are Not Alike Plain in Themselves
2. All Things in Scripture Are Not Alike Clear unto All

**B. THE DECLARATION OF SCRIPTURE'S CLARITY**

**1. The Scope of Scripture's Clarity**

- A. *THOSE THINGS NECESSARY TO BE KNOWN FOR SALVATION*
- B. *THOSE THINGS NECESSARY TO BE BELIEVED FOR SALVATION*
- C. *THOSE THINGS NECESSARY TO BE OBSERVED FOR SALVATION*

**2. The Mode of Scripture's Clarity**

- A. *CLEARLY PROPOUNDED AND OPENED*
- B. *IN SOME PLACE OF SCRIPTURE OR OTHER*

**3. The Extent of Scripture's Clarity**

- A. *WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION: NOT ONLY THE LEARNED BUT THE UNLEARNED*
- B. *WITH RESPECT TO MEANS: (NOT EXTRAORDINARY BUT) ORDINARY*
- C. *WITH RESPECT TO UNDERSTANDING: (NOT EXHAUSTIVE BUT) SUFFICIENT*

**VI. THE TRANSLATION OF THE SCRIPTURES** (Paragraph 8)

**A. THE PRESERVATION AND PRIORITY OF THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES**

**1. The Identity of the Original Languages**

- A. *IN THE OLD TESTAMENT: HEBREW*
- B. *IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: GREEK*

**2. The Authenticity of the Original Languages**

**3. The Availability of the Original Languages**

**4. The Resulting Authority of the Original Languages**

- A. *THE EXTENT OF THIS APPEAL*
- B. *THE FINALITY OF THIS APPEAL*

**B. THE NECESSITY OF TRANSLATING THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGES**

**1. The Need for Translation**

**2. The Warrant for Translation**

- A. *THE RIGHT OF GOD'S PEOPLE*
- B. *THE DUTY OF GOD'S PEOPLE*

**3. The Extent of Translation**

**4. The Purposes of Translation**

- A. *ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP*
- B. *HOPE*