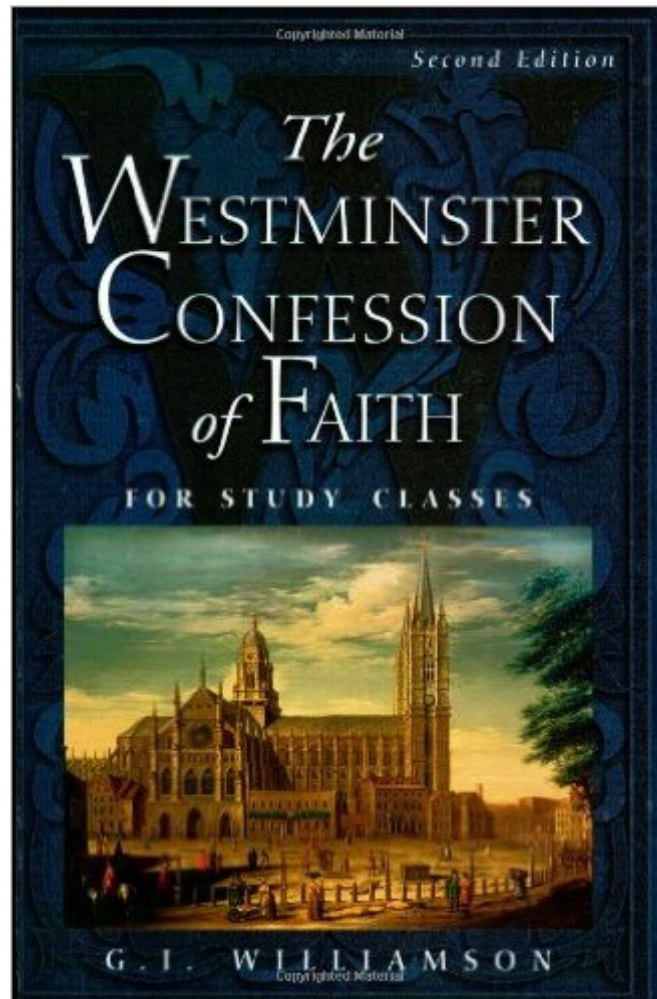


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This exposition, a standard in the field, was written to aid the church in recovering with certainty the rich heritage of the Reformation faith.

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Customer Reviews

Williamson's study guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith is, or should be, a standard reference in every serious Biblical student's library. Whether you accept the presuppositions of the Reformed Faith or not, you will profit from this study because it gives a clear and concise explanation of the doctrines which are summarized in the Confession. On the primary issues, God's sovereignty & man's free will, Williamson ranks right high on the list of accessible explanations. Whether layperson, clergy or aspiring scholar, this book enables a person to interact with the doctrines in such a way as to be able to explain them to others. I have used this book for years in my introductory classes on doctrine. It is well worth the study and it will enable a person to more clearly appreciate the beauty of Biblical truth.

I have used this book in Bible studies several times over the years and it is a very good basic introduction to theology from a Reformed perspective. The only weakness is that the questions at the ends of the chapters are not very good for discussion; they have mostly obvious answers based directly on the reading. But Williamson's book is full of insights and analogies which make for good discussion.

The teachings here are mostly beliefs of historical Presbyterian churches and Calvinists. I believe there has been modification in beliefs among certain of the Presbyterian Churches and other Calvinistic religions, softening selected teachings in this book. The book however, is among those every serious Christian should read, along with The Westminster Catechism, Reformed Baptist of 1689, Book of Concord - Lutheran Confessions. Nothing helps you more in understanding religious differences and truths than to study the history of the Reformation. Today's TV evangelical churches are in serious need of another reformation as people are being misled with doctrines of Freud, feeling good, becoming prosperous, and entertainment. It is not Biblical (or possible) to make a personal decision to believe as faith is a gift of God. In addition, faith comes from sound doctrine in the form of Biblical scripture, not man's doctrines. The Bible warns of this pitfall, and your soul is at risk if you fail to understand this, 2 Peter 3:15-16. There exists a serious lack of spiritual knowledge and doctrinal discernment. The key to salvation is Grace through Faith, itself a gift of God. Finally, reading and studying the Bible is the most important thing a person can do.

This is an excellent study guide to one of the best documents ever written. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who is Presbyterian if they want to know better what their denomination believes. I would also highly recommend it to anyone who wants a deeper understanding of theology, since the confession touches on some very deep truths. My girlfriend and I each have a copy and are going through it together. We are enjoying tremendously!~Soli Deo gloria~

Great review and study of the WCF. A little dated in parts but still excellent for review and study of the Christian Faith. Each section of the confession is presented and followed by commentary and discussion/study questions appropriate for a variety of ages.

Outstanding - the basic understanding of how America became a free nation through a high moral standard and Biblical applications for good civil and church government - something in which America is seriously lacking .

Although the Westminster Confession of faith is a clearly-written document, it is helpful to have an explanation of its contents. Williamson's classic explanation of each article and section of this confession is perhaps the best available. Every article is examined in detail and those points that

are most difficult to understand or controversial are explained in a clear and coherent fashion. His discussions of the sovereignty of God in election and the relationship between the natures and the person of Christ are two examples of clarity in discussing difficult issues. At the end of each section Williamson has a list of study questions to enable the reader to better understand the material.

(Answers to these questions are found in the back of the book.) I've used this volume in a group study on the Westminster Confession and it is excellent.

It's a real shame. This is a must-have book to fill your reference library. However, because of the terrible selection of font, with no ability to select a different font - it's very uncomfortable to read. Very thin serif font that is very illegible. Combined with the publisher not providing the ability to select a different font makes this a return item. The publisher should take the time to publish it in electronic format properly, if not beautifully. (See "Judges for You" published by The Good Book Company) I've come across this with one other book, by NavPress - Jerry Bridges "The Pursuit of Holiness" that did this same thing to a classic.

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