

b. The Gallic Confession of 1559 was the doctrinal statement of the French churches in which the priority of Scripture was stressed over tradition and the essential points of Calvinism were presented as basic Christianity.

c. The Belgic Confessions of 1561 became one of the major statements of the churches in the Low Countries...parallel to the Heidelberg Confessions and the Canons of Dort. Very like the Gallic Confession, it was not the product of a council but the work of de Bres (an individual!) and summarized the tenets of the faith for the new churches in the Low Countries.

d. The Heidelberg Catechisms were the systematic questions and answers (1563) intended not only to supply information but to teach a credal policy without calling it a creed. Strikingly Calvinistic they pointed the way to the Westminster Confession and Catechisms which we note next.

e. The Westminster Symbols 1640-1648, the Confession and the Catechisms, et al. The major work of the Puritan movement in England in the days of the Commonwealth (before and during)...these became the standard calvinistic statements for the English speaking churches. There is very little of consequence that is not touched on but some subjects are not much in discussion (eschatology, etc.,) and there is a measure of freedom so as not to overly limit the fellowship and work of the church.

f. The Thirty Nine Articles of the Church of England...really very much a product of the Reformed thinking of Thomas Cranmer...subject to much interpretation and re-interpretation by a liberalized Anglicanism.

3. The Roman creeds produced from the Reformation Period are embodied in the enactments of the Council of Trent.

4. And there are many other symbols (like the canons of Dort, the Arminian Remonstrance, the Anabaptist documents, etc.,) but time passes us and the student should know what these are but of course he will not know all there is about them or what the total contents may be.

Miscellaneous Contributions

I. Some Reformation contributions to the total theological picture and not limited to particular dogmatic developments.

1. Practices affecting the church: