

d. The Westminster World View

e. Our position and operating practice

II. THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

A. Preliminary Notes

1. The Most Basic Question.

Authority is the most basic of all questions. Our actions, preaching, desires, etc., are all predicated on the matter of authority. It is a question of what right and responsibility is ours...what duties and privileges pertain to us. Without some proper scope of authority we cannot know these things nor perform well. Perhaps not single item is more important in doctrinal analysis than the ground on which we stand and practice.

At Biblical we regard the Scripture as our foundation in truth. We see it as the infallible, inerrant revelation of God and the only rule applicable in faith and practice. That not all of the church sees it that way is plain. They must seek their authority in other lines of interest...we accept ours on historical and evidential grounds. The Confessional segments that treat this matter are: Confession-Section I: Of the Holy Scripture; Larger Catechism: Q. 3-6 Shorter Catechism: Q 2-3.