

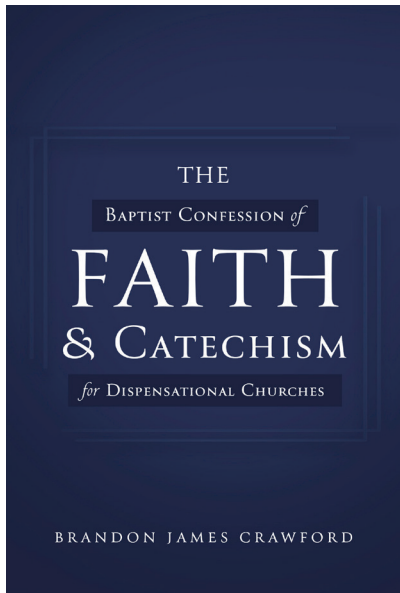


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For immediate release: When Nehemiah Coxe and William Collins penned a *Baptist Confession of Faith* in 1677, they probably had no idea that churches in the 21st century would be looking at their words to guide them in their own statement of beliefs. But Brandon Crawford and other Christians abroad are still finding their words to ring true to their faith, with a need to update the writings for the modern reader in *The Baptist Confession of Faith & Catechism for Dispensational Churches* (Ambassador International, February 2023).

“My hope for this new edition is that it will be used of God to ground thousands of individuals, families, and churches in biblical doctrine, that it will give them a better appreciation of their rich ecclesiastical heritage, and that it will equip them with wisdom for contemporary ministry,” writes Crawford.

While Crawford does add some new wording in order to assist today’s readers in the understanding of the *Confession*, he also stays true to the Elizabethan English and writes as the ones who inspired the first *Confession*.

“It was judged necessary by us to join together in giving a testimony to the world of our firm adherence to those wholesome principles by the publication of this...” pens Crawford. “One thing that greatly prevailed with us to undertake this work was not only to give a full account of ourselves to those Christians who differ from us about the subject of baptism but also the profit that might from thence arise unto those who have any account of our labors in their instruction and establishment in the great truths of the Gospel in the clear understanding and steady belief of which our comfortable walking with God and fruitfulness before Him in all our ways is most nearly concerned . . .”

In addition to the *Confession*, Crawford includes the *Baptist Catechism* at the end of the book in order to reinforce the reader’s understanding of what he or she believes.

“A catechism is a confession of faith by another method,” writes Crawford. “It teaches the basics of the faith by means of questions and answers, rather than by purely didactic propositions.”

Crawford hopes that this new edition of the *Baptist Confession* will aid believers in standing firm in their beliefs and help them to share those beliefs with others as well.

About the Author:

Brandon James Crawford (Ph.D. in historical theology [Cand.], Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary) is the senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Marshall, Michigan; the moderator of the Southern Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches; and a Council of Sixteen member in the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He has written or contributed to a number of books on historical theology, including *The Jonathan Edwards Encyclopedia* (Eerdmans), *Petrus van Mastricht (1630-1706): Text, Context, and Interpretation* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht), *The Miscellanies Companion* vols. 1 and 2 (JESociety Press), *Jonathan Edwards on the Atonement* (Wipf and Stock), and *Reading Jonathan Edwards: An Annotated Bibliography, 2005-2020* (forthcoming). He and his wife, Melanie, have two children.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *The Baptist Confession of Faith & Catechism for Dispensational Churches*, please contact publicity director Susanna Maurer at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. How did you get the idea for this book?
2. Why did you want to produce this book?
3. How do you envision it being used?
4. What exactly is a “catechism”?
5. What makes this edition better than the others already on the market?
6. You have said that you hope many churches will consider adopting this as their confession of faith. Why?
7. Why do you believe a robust theology is important for people to have today?
8. In what ways does this edition differ from the original 1689 Confession?
9. Are you working on any follow-up projects?
10. What are your final remarks to those who are listening today?

Endorsements

“For years I have described myself as a confessionalist, in principle, in a theological community that by-and-large does not value shared confessions. I am encouraged that this project is addressing that deficiency and am hopeful that it will bring dispensational Baptists closer to the realization of confessional unity.”

Mark Snoeberger

Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics
Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary, Allen Park, MI

“An unfortunate tendency of popular dispensationalism has been a disdain for church history and for creeds and confessions in particular. The unique authority of Scripture has been warped into a disregard for the work of ‘the shepherds and teachers,’ gifts to the church from our risen Lord. As dispensationalists, we have Scripture-driven commitments that distinguish us from our other Reformed brothers, and we should make those differences clear. But we still hold much in common with them and we should rejoice to affirm those shared doctrines. I am delighted to see the publication of this confession as a step to accomplish both of these worthy ambitions.”

Michael Riley

Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Wakefield, MI

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