

UNITED — CLASS 4

The Beauty & Freedom of a Confessional Church

[3] For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, [4] that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. -1 Corinthians 15:3–4

What Is a Confessional Church?

Why Be Confessional?

1. Transparency

2. Unity

3. Clarity

4. Accountability

5. Rootedness

The Danger of Ugly Confessionalism

The Goal of Confessionalism: Worship

For Reflection:

1. Why can't Christians really avoid doctrine?
2. What is the relationship between Scripture and a confession?
3. Which of the five benefits of confessional Christianity is most meaningful to you? Why?
4. How do we guard against ugly confessionalism?
5. How should doctrine affect the way we live and worship?