

Things Most Surely Believed Among Us:
An Exposition of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith
Chapter 20: Of the Gospel, and the Extent of the Grace Thereof

I. INTRODUCTION

II. THE GENESIS OF GOSPEL REVELATION (Paragraph 1)

III. THE NECESSITY OF GOSPEL REVELATION (Paragraph 2)

IV. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOSPEL REVELATION (Paragraph 3)

3. The revelation of the gospel unto sinners, made in divers times and by sundry parts, with the addition of promises and precepts for the obedience required therein, as to the nations and persons to whom it is granted, is merely of the sovereign will and good pleasure of God; not being annexed by virtue of any promise to the due improvement of men's natural abilities, by virtue of common light received without it, which none ever did make, or can do so; and therefore in all ages, the preaching of the gospel has been granted unto persons and nations, as to the extent or straitening of it, in great variety, according to the counsel of the will of God.

A. THE DECLARATION OF THIS SOVEREIGNTY

B. THE UNCONDITIONALITY OF THIS SOVEREIGNTY

C. THE RESULT OF THIS SOVEREIGNTY

V. THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOSPEL REVELATION (Paragraph 4)

4. Although the gospel be the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and is, as such, abundantly sufficient thereunto; yet that men who are dead in trespasses may be born again, quickened or regenerated, there is moreover necessary an effectual insuperable work of the Holy Spirit upon the whole soul, for the producing in them a new spiritual life; without which no other means will effect their conversion unto God.

A. THE DECLARATION OF THIS SUFFICIENCY

B. THE QUALIFICATION OF THIS SUFFICIENCY