

Confession of Faith Ratification Act 1560

1560 CHAPTER 1

LANG HAVE WE thristit deir brethren to haue notifeit vnto the warld the soume of that doctrine quhilk we professe and for the quhilk we have sustenit infamy and dainger Bot sick hes bene the rage of sathan against ws and against christ Jesus his eternall veritie laitlie borne amangis ws that to this day na tyme hes bene grantit vnto ws to cleir oure consciences as maist glaidlie we wald have done ffor how we have bene tossit a haill yeir past the maist parte of Ewrope (as we suppoise) dois vnderstand Bot seing that of the infinite gudenes of our god (quha neuir sufferethe his afflictit vtterlie to be confoundit) above expectatioun we have obtenit sum rest and libertie we culd not bot sett furth this breve and playne confessioun of sic doctrine as is proponit vnto ws and as we beleife and professe pairtlie for satisfactioun of our brethren quhais hartis we dout nocht haue bene and yit ar woundit be the dispytfull Raylling of sick as yit haue not leirnit to speik weill And partelie for stopping of the mouthis of Impudent blasphemaris quha baldlie condempne that quhilk that have nouther hard nor vnderstand Not that we Juge that the cankerit malice of sick is abill to be cureit be this simple confessioun Na we knaw that the sweit sauour of the evangell Is and salbe deith to the sone is of perditioun Bot we have chief respect to our waik and infirme brethren to guham we wald communicat the bottome of our hartis least that thaj be trubillit or careit away be diuersities of rumouris quhilk sathan sparseth contrar ws to the defeating of this our maist godlie Interpryse Protesting that gif any man will note in this our confessioun any artickle or sentence repugning to godis holie word that it wald pleis him of his gentilnes and for christeane cheriteis saik to admoneise ws of the samyn in writt And we of our honouris and fidelitie do promeis vnto him satisfactioun fra the mowthe of god (that is fra his holy scriptureis) or ellis Reformatioun of that quhilk he sall prove to be amyss ffor god we taik to record in our conscienceis that fra our hartis we abhoir all sectis of heresie and all teicharis of erronious doctrine And that with all humylitie we embraice the puritie off Christis evangell quhilk is the onlie fude of our saullis and therfoir sua precious vnto ws that we ar determinit to suffer the extremitie of warldlie dainger rather than that we will suffer our seluis to be defraudit of the same ffor heirof we ar maist certainlie persuaidit that quhasoeuer denyis christ Jesus or is aschameit of him in presens of men salbe denyit befoir the father and befoir his holie angellis And thairfoir be the assistance of the michtie spreitt of the same lord Jesus we firmelie purpoise to abyde to the end in the confessioun of this our fayth

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Confession of Faith Ratification Act 1560.