

## Foreword to the 2011 English edition

This booklet is currently experiencing its ninth (Afrikaans) reprint. The first one was printed in Pietermaritzburg in 1983, the second in 1987, the third in 1993, the fourth in 1995 and the fifth in 1997 in Kempton Park. Since then a fourth reprint has appeared during my ministry in Bellville. Over the years the professing catechist classes have used this booklet so fruitfully that it became necessary to reprint it yet again.

As with any reprint there is expansions and changes in also this new edition. At the end of the manual there is a section containing all manner of questions covering a wide spectrum which may serve as a guideline for catechists while they prepare for the professing of their faith.

The booklet is written with the specific aim to be used in Bellville as a manual for catechists who are preparing to profess their faith.

May the Lord bless all who use this booklet, so that it may be an aid to the reader to love God truly. May this booklet serve to familiarise you with the Reformed doctrine.

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