

Chapter 7: Recommendations for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- Each person in the church has to choose between holding onto to past interpretation of scripture and church documents or embracing a new way of interpreting scripture and allowing the Spirit to lead.
- The next question is how to heal the church.
- Policies, bylaws, and church constitutions may need to be amended.
- The first step is for all of us in the church to apologize, institutionally, collectively, and personally.
- Denominational apologies are rare but have occurred

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- Rogers spends a lot of time delving into the flaw in the “Book of Confessions” (covered in Chapter 4) and tracing the process of changing the document.
- He then does the same for the flaw in the “Book of Order”.
- This discouraged me about how progress in the church as a whole or even our denomination
- Getting a majority of a given denomination to agree on the errors that have been made with respect to how LGBTs have been treated and then apologizing seemed very challenging
- Correcting errors in our documents will be at least that difficult
- “The best methods of interpretation, from the Reformation on down through today, call upon us to interpret the Scripture through the lens of Jesus Christ’s life and ministry.”

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