

The Reformation and God's Word

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Psalm 119:89-105;

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What is a Reformed Christian?

"A reformed believer is one who wants to make the Bible the foundation of his life. His goal is to make sure he understands it and with Christ's help seeks to obey it and apply it."

Foundations: Psa 119:9,11,38,97,105; Rm 3:10-11; Ps 14:1

Biblical Reformers used the Word of God:

Noah^{2 Pt 2:5}

Abraham

Moses^{Dt 5:1-22}

King David

The Prophets

Jesus^{Mt 4:4}

Peter^{1 Pt 3:14-17}

Paul^{1 Cor 2:1-5}

Church Reformers:

John Wycliff

John Huss

Martin Luther

John Calvin

John Knox

J Gresham Machen

Why does God allow Conflicts?..... 1 Cor 11:18-19

Basic Principles of Protestant Reformation:

Sola Scriptura Scripture Alone

Verify everything against Word Psa 119:87

Soli Deo Gloria For the Glory of God Alone

WSC Q#1 - Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever

Rom 11:36; 1 Cor 10:31; Rev 1:5b-6; Exo 20:3-4

Solo Christo Christ Alone

Beware of adding works! 1 Cor 1:30; Gal 5:4

Sola Gratia Grace Alone

Eph 1:4; 2 Tim 1:9ff

Sola Fide Salvation by Faith Alone

Rm 3:28; Rm 4:2; Gen 15:6; Eph 2:8

Sola Scriptura: Our Only Safe Foundation

- Scripture is final authority - interpreted by the whole church
- Creeds and Confessions - secondary to Bible, helpful to guard against heresy by summarizing essential Christian beliefs
- Believers need to know, reflect & submit to God's Word^{Ps 119:97}
- Bible frees men to know God w/o harmful influences
- The Bible presents one unfolding story of redemption beginning with creation and the Fall. Continues through the OT with covenants and prophecies. It builds toward the NT where the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are presented as the central act of redemption.

Scripture points us to Christ Alone!