

A Guide to Reformed Theology

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CORE BELIEFS



A God-Centered System of Faith

Emphasizes God's sovereignty, salvation by grace, and a covenantal view of Scripture.



A High View of God

God is sovereign and actively governs all things according to His will.

THE FIVE SOLAS (Reformation Gospel)

Sola Gratia	Grace Alone
Sola Fide	Faith Alone
Solus Christus	Christ Alone
Sola Scriptura	Scripture Alone
Soli Deo Gloria	To the Glory of God Alone

Scripture as the Final Authority

The Bible is the ultimate rule for all matters of faith and life.



KEY DOCTRINES & FRAMEWORKS

A Creedal & Confessional Faith



Affirms historic Christian creeds and uses confessions as summaries of biblical teaching.

Law and Gospel

The Law reveals righteousness and exposes sin to drive people to Christ, while the Gospel provides grace, leading believers back to the Law as a guide for grateful living

A Covenantal Framework

Understands Scripture as a unified story of God's relationship with His people through covenants.



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T	Total Depravity
U	Unconditional Election
L	Limited Atonement
I	Irresistible Grace
P	Perseverance of the Saints

Review

- Week 1: Experimental Calvinism – The Heartbeat of the Reformed Faith
- Week 2: Defining Reformed Theology 1 – Historical Foundations, Five Points
- Week 3: Defining Reformed Theology 3 – Covenant, Confessions, Catechisms
- Week 4: Defining Reformed Theology 2 – Five Solas

Scripture and God's Sovereignty

Why Does The Bible Matter So Much?

- Psalm 19:7-8 – The Law of the Lord is perfect.
- 2 Timothy 3:16 – All Scripture is breathed out by God.

Did Jesus Think That the Bible Mattered So Much?

- Matthew 5:17-19 – I have not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets
 - Matthew 19:3-4
 - Luke 17:26-27
 - Matthew 12:40
 - Matthew 22:32
 - Matthew 21:42
 - Luke 24:25-27

Why Does The Bible Matter So Much?

- Because it says that it matters so much.
- Because Jesus says that it matters so much.



Gleanings from Genesis

- The first chapters of Genesis provide the initial outline of Reformed Theology.
- Genesis 1 - 6

Reformed Theology from Genesis

- God is the Sovereign Creator and in charge of all things.
- His Word is the rule of faith and practice.
- Man is a fallen sinner and unable and unwilling to please God and incapable of saving himself.
- God, in his grace will care out his promised rescue through a human Mediator.
- This Mediator alone is suited to the task of defeating sin and Satan and accomplishing salvation.

God's Sovereignty Overall

- Ephesians 1:3-11
- Isaiah 46:9-10
- Daniel 4:35
- Psalm 139
- Proverb 19:21

God's Sovereignty Overall

God's Sovereignty extends not only to the cosmic realities of creation but to the personal and seemingly private actions of individual people.

Next Week: Scripture and God's Sovereignty **- Salvation and Election.**

In Master's book: pages 42 – 50 and the reflection questions on page 50.

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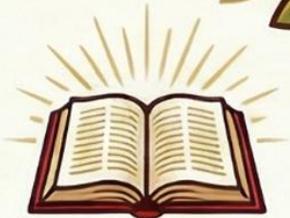


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