

Semper Reformanda: The Church That Is Always Reforming

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:27–32

The Lord's Day Morning

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Whenever we have occasion to pronounce censure, let us begin with ourselves, and, remembering our own weakness, let us be indulgent to others.

- John Calvin

The church in every generation is inclined to wander from the authority of Scripture alone by adding layers of human tradition on the Bible. The next generation accepts the tradition as if it has the same authority as Scripture. The Reformers in the 16th century challenged man-made church traditions and went back to the source to recover what Jesus and the apostles actually taught in Scripture. Among other things, they re-discovered that the Lord's Supper is an occasion for honest and Spirit-directed self-examination that helps us to be "always reforming."

1. C _____: An _____ of sin that makes me deserving of God's wrath and leads me to God's Son.
2. C _____: A genuine _____ for sin that I commit in my weakness.
3. C _____: An _____ of guilt (*mea culpa*) that agrees with God's verdict.
4. C _____: An _____ that I am fully forgiven and accepted for Christ's sake.
5. C _____: A _____ to reverse my course through repentance that produces good works.