

Semper Reformanda: The Church That Is Always Reforming

The Priesthood of All Believers

1 Peter 2:1–10

The Lord's Day Morning

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Three Terms to Know

The Protestant Reformation: On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther, a priest and professor of theology, nailed his ninety-five theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany and called for a formal debate. This simple act launched a movement that changed the course of history.

Semper Reformanda: Because the church consists of members who are prone to wander from the authority of Scripture alone (*sola scriptura*), the church must be always reforming (*semper reformanda*), constantly repenting of its sin and returning to God's Word.

The priesthood of all believers: After Jesus Christ, the final High Priest, offered himself as the final sacrifice, the office of priest became obsolete. Now, every believer is called to be a priest, approaching God directly, studying Scripture deeply, and helping others to be reconciled to God. Therefore, the Reformers protested the unbiblical practice of keeping God's Word out of the hands of the people and under the control of an elite clergy class.

Four Qualities of A Good Priest

1. Love the Word of God by _____ it _____ (1–3).
2. Respect the Word of God by _____ it _____ (4–6).
3. Honor the Word of God by _____ it _____ (7–9a).
4. Spread the Word of God by _____ it _____ (9b–10).