

Created for Worship

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Part 2: “Re-Created for Worship”

Preview

- Reformed theology is any system of belief that traces its roots back to the Protestant Reformation, which proponents believe was the restoration of true Biblical Christianity. Reformed theology holds to the authority of scripture, the sovereignty of God, salvation thru Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone, and the necessity of evangelism.
- Predestination: All Christians believe that God predestines some to heaven and some to hell (Rom 8:29-30, Eph 1:3-6, 11) but differ on the basis of that predestination. Some see God’s foreknowledge of an individual’s positive response to the Gospel as the primary factor, while Reformed Theology holds that predestination is based entirely on God’s sovereign choice.

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Promise despite Rebellion

- The lie: God is not good (1 Jn 1:5)
- The fall impacted every aspect of our being; mind, heart, and soul (Rom 3:23; 5:12)
- Fragmentation was immediate (Gen 3:7-13)
- Grace and kindness amid cursing (Gen 3:15)

Redemption and Re-creation

- Because of the fall, we don’t worship as we were created to do (Jn 3:19; Rom 1:21)
- God promised that a Savior would come to crush the enemy and redeem God’s people, restoring us to our original purpose as worshippers (Eph 1:4-6, 12)
- All of life is an act of worship, as it was meant to be in the Garden (Rom 12:1)

An echo of the Grden mandate

- The Great Commission is a call to fill the earth with little images of God, that He might receive the glory due His name (Mat 28:18-20; Psa 29:1-2)

“Missions exist because worship doesn’t.” – Pastor John Piper, Let the Nations Be Glad

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The intersection of duty and delight

- Worship is our duty, giving the proper honor to God, giving Him the glory due His name (1 Chron 16:24-34)
- God is passionate for His own glory (Isa 48:9-11)
- But worship is also our delight. Transformed hearts and minds find their ultimate fulfillment in Christ (1 Pet 1:8)

Maintaining a Pilgrim mindset

- Christians look at life differently, because we know we are only traveling from here to there (2 Cor 4:17)
- We enjoy temporal things, but we chiefly enjoy Him. All of life is aligned to that enjoyment and seeking (1 Cor 10:31)

“The more we see of Christ, the more we want to see. Every Christian is evermore seeking a fuller appreciation of the beauty of Christ.” – Dr. Jason Helopoulos