

3RD ANNUAL **HERE WE STAND**

PROTESTANT REFORMATION CONFERENCE



TWO DAYS:

Friday, November 7th 6:00-8:15 PM [Sessions 1 & 2]

Saturday, November 8th 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM [Sessions 3, 4, 5]

PRESENTED BY:

Pelican Bay Church & Fort Dick Bible Church

HOSTED BY:

Fort Dick Bible Church

6725 Lake Earl Drive, Crescent City, CA

WELCOME TO THE 3RD ANNUAL PROTESTANT REFORMATION CONFERENCE 2025

Why this focus on the Reformation?

When the Protestant Reformation began, it was far more than a clash of opinions, it was a call to return to the authority of God's Word. The Reformers challenged the Roman Catholic Church to correct its wayward doctrines and practices and to bring them back into alignment with Scripture. Yet because the Roman Church had elevated the official teachings of the popes to the level of Scripture and refused to yield, those who sought reform were ultimately compelled to separate for the sake of truth.

Out of that movement came one of the Reformation's enduring mottos: *Semper Reformanda*, "Always Reforming." This phrase reminds us that the work of reformation is never finished. Churches and denominations can drift; leaders can err. The only firm foundation on which we can stand is Scripture itself. The Reformers' diligence to study God's Word, their courage to stand for it, and their humility to be corrected by it challenge us today to do the same. More than 500 years later, their legacy still calls us not just to look back, but to press forward in faithfulness.

CONFERENCE TEACHERS



PASTOR LEVI GILL
Fort Dick Bible Church



PASTOR ROB FOSTER
Pelican Bay Church



PASTOR JOHN CARTER
First Baptist Church of Fortuna



DEACON MICHAEL LANGE
Pelican Bay Church

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PROTESTANT REFORMATION CONFERENCE 2025 SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

6:00 OPENING & WORSHIP

6:15 - 7:00 [SESSION 1]

Here We Stand: What It Means to Be Protestant
Pastor Levi Gill

7:00 - 7:15 BREAK

7:15 - 8:00 [SESSION 2]

Standing in Christ: A Discussion of Differences that Remain
Deacon Michael Lange

8:00 - 8:15 WORSHIP AND CLOSING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

8:30 - 9:00 BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

9:00 - 9:15 WELCOME & WORSHIP

9:15 - 10:00 [SESSION 3]

Protestant Views on Church and State and Their Relevance for Today
Pastor Levi Gill

10:00 - 10:15 BREAK

10:15 - 11:00 [SESSION 4]

Katharina Luther: Reclaiming the Beauty of Biblical Marriage
Pastor Rob Foster

11:00 - 11:15 BREAK

11:15 - 12:00 [SESSION 5]

The Revival of the Pulpit
Pastor John Carter

12:00 - 12:15 WORSHIP AND CLOSING

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WHAT WAS THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION?

When Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517, he started a movement of protest and reforms that quickly spread through much of Europe. Luther was not alone in his concerns of theological changes that had occurred in the Roman Catholic Church during the Medieval Era, nor was he alone in his concern of what many saw as papal abuses of authority.

Luther's concern sparked a firestorm, and what started as a single voice quickly rose into entire nations joining in the protest. They saw a need to go back to scripture and let it be the guiding principle of the church.

This conference will explore the theological differences between Protestantism and the Roman Catholic Church, the relationship between Church and State from a Protestant perspective, the importance of a strong and effective pulpit, and the framework for a Christ-centered marriage.



"Exound the Law truly, and open the veil of Moses to condemn all flesh and prove all men sinners, and set at broach the mercy of our Lord Jesus, and let the wounded consciences drink of Him." – William Tyndale

STANDING IN CHRIST:
A DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES THAT REMAIN
Deacon Michael Lange
[Session 2]

[Session 3]

[Session 5]

An introductory survey of revival in the Pulpit to encourage a love for, demand of, and provision for the blood earnest, Christ exalting, life changing preaching.

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THE FIVE SOLAS

The Five Solas of the Reformation, which distinguished the Reformers from the teachings of Rome, include:

- **Sola Scriptura [Scripture Alone]** Sola scriptura is the belief that because Scripture is God's inspired Word, it is the only inerrant, sufficient, and final authority for the church.
- **Solus Christus [Christ Alone]** Solus Christus is the assertion that Christ alone is the basis on which the ungodly are justified in God's sight.
- **Sola Fide [Faith Alone]** Sola Fide maintains that the believer receives the redemption Christ has accomplished only through faith.
- **Sola Gratia [Grace Alone]** Sola gratia proclaims that all of our salvation, from beginning to end, is by grace and grace alone.
- **Soli Deo Gloria [Glory to God Alone]** Because of these things, the Reformers held fast to the phrase soli Deo gloria, that only God receives glory for our salvation.

These five statements of the evangelical faith lay at the center of what distinguished the theology of the Reformation from the theology of the Roman Catholic church in the 16th century.

HERE WE STAND.

A 31-DAY JOURNEY
WITH HEROES OF THE REFORMATION

[RECOMMENDED
READING]

Five hundred years ago, a lowly German priest walked up to the church door in Wittenberg and posted a document that altered the course of history. It has now been five centuries since Martin Luther stood up and confronted Roman Catholicism. The kindling had been laid over decades, and Luther's little, almost accidental spark soon set all of Europe ablaze.

In time, this lowly monk proved he had what it took to hold his ground against the church and the world — and under God, he became the tip of the spear for massive reform. In one especially memorable scene, he stood before the emperor and declared courageously, risking his own life, "Here I stand. I can do no other. So help me, God."

But Luther did not stand alone. The Reformation was not about one or two big names — Luther, Calvin, Zwingli — but about a massive movement of Christian conviction, boldness, and joy that cost many men and women their lives — and scattered the seeds that are still bearing fruit in the twenty-first century. Not only was Luther surrounded by many Reformers in Germany, but lesser-known heroes of the faith rose up all over Europe — heroes like Heinrich Bullinger, Hugh Latimer, Lady Jane Grey, Theodore Beza, and Peter Martyr Vermigli. Luther was the battering ram, but he ignited, and stood with, a chorus of world changers.

And **Here We Stand** today, more than five hundred years later. Luther wasn't alone then, and he's not alone now. To celebrate the Reformation, we encourage you to take a 31-day journey and read (or listen) to the short biographies of its many heroes, just 5–7 minutes each day.

Get started: www.desiringgod.org/here-we-stand

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ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

Solus Christus
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Sola Fide
THROUGH FAITH ALONE

Sola Gratia
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FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE