

2026 4TH ANNUAL

THE PROTESTANT

REFORMATION

CONFERENCE

The Word, Our Sure Foundation

TWO DAYS:
Friday, November 6th 6:00-8:15 PM - Sessions 1 & 2
Saturday, November 7th 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM - Sessions 3, 4, 5

PRESENTED BY:
Fort Dick Bible Church & Pelican Bay Church

HOSTED BY:
Fort Dick Bible Church
6725 Lake Earl Drive, Crescent City, CA

Welcome to the 4th Annual Protestant Reformation Conference 2026

One of the central concerns of the Protestant Reformation was the authority of Scripture. The Reformers believed that the Church had drifted away from the teachings of God's Word, allowing human traditions and ecclesiastical authority to overshadow the very Scriptures upon which the Church was founded. Their call was to return to the Bible as the supreme and final authority for Christian faith and practice.

Yet the Reformation raised important questions that remain relevant today. Who has the authority to determine what Christians should believe? How do we know which books belong in the Bible? Can ordinary Christians understand Scripture for themselves? And is the Bible sufficient to guide the Church in matters of faith and godliness?

This year's Reformation Conference will explore these questions. Our desire is to strengthen our confidence in the Word of God and renew our commitment to a Church that is governed by Scripture, grounded in truth, and centered upon Jesus Christ.

CONFERENCE TEACHERS



PASTOR LEVI GILL
Fort Dick Bible Church



PASTOR ROB FOSTER
Pelican Bay Church



PASTOR JON SZABO
First Baptist Church of Fortuna



MICHAEL LANGE
Pelican Bay Church

2026 Schedule

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

6:00 OPENING & WORSHIP

6:15 - 7:00 SESSION 1
Sola Scriptura - Where is Our Final Authority?
Pastor Levi Gill

7:00 - 7:15 BREAK

7:15 - 8:00 SESSION 2
The Clarity of Scripture
Pastor Jon Szabo

8:00 - 8:15 WORSHIP AND CLOSING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026

8:30 - 9:00 BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP

9:00 - 9:15 WELCOME & WORSHIP

9:15 - 10:00 SESSION 3
The Content of Scripture
Pastor Levi Gill

10:00 - 10:15 BREAK

10:15 - 11:00 SESSION 4
The Cost of Bringing the Gospel to the Nations
Pastor Rob Foster

11:00 - 11:15 BREAK

11:15 - 12:00 SESSION 5
The Sufficiency of Scripture - Is the Word Enough?
Michael Lange

12:00 - 12:15 WORSHIP AND CLOSING

The Only Firm Foundation on Which We Can Stand is Scripture Itself

What is the Protestant Reformation?

On October 31, 1517, a German monk named Martin Luther published his Ninety-Five Theses, challenging the Roman Catholic Church's practice of selling indulgences. Although Luther initially sought reform within the Church, his actions helped ignite a movement that would transform Christianity and reshape the course of history.

During the centuries leading up to the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church had accumulated considerable religious and political authority. Many of its teachings and practices had developed beyond what the Reformers believed could be justified by Scripture. Luther, along with other Reformers such as Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and William Tyndale, called the Church to return to the teachings of the Bible as the supreme authority for Christian faith and practice.

The Reformation was not an attempt to invent a new Christianity, but to recover the biblical faith delivered to the apostles and proclaimed by the early Church. More than five centuries later, its central questions remain relevant: What is the gospel? Where does spiritual authority reside? And how should the Word of God govern the life and worship of His Church?

"If we Protestants are reformed and always reforming, then commemorating the Reformation should cause us not so much to celebrate the past as to renew our mission and ministry in the present."- Christopher Gehrz

SESSION 1
Sola Scriptura - Where is Our Final Authority?
Pastor Levi Gill

This talk defends Scripture alone as Christianity's final, infallible authority, challenging Rome's claims for tradition and church authority while affirming their proper place under God's Word.

SESSION 2
The Clarity of Scripture
Can Every Christian Read and Understand the Bible?

Pastor Jon Szabo

Roman Catholicism shrouded the light of the Bible for centuries fearing that, left to themselves, the laity would grossly misinterpret Scripture. The Protestant Reformation did just the opposite. This session explores what happened and how we can have hope today.

SESSION 3
The Content of Scripture
How Do We Know Which Books are Included?

Pastor Levi Gill

This talk defends the Protestant Bible's 66-book canon, tracing its biblical foundations, historical recognition, and exclusion of the Apocrypha while affirming Scripture's divine authority and sufficiency.

SESSION 4
William Tyndale:
The Cost of Bringing the Gospel to the Nations

Pastor Rob Foster

William Tyndale's determination to make Scripture accessible to ordinary people helped transform the English-speaking church. This presentation explores the historical circumstances, theological convictions, and personal sacrifices behind his work, affirming Scripture as the sure foundation of Christian faith.

SESSION 5
The Sufficiency of Scripture - Is the Word Enough?

Michael Lange

The closing session explores Scripture's sufficiency for salvation, faith, and godliness, challenging believers to demonstrate confidence in God's Word through faithful reading, preaching, trusting, obeying, and delighting in its truth.



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.

CHRIST THE WORD

MY FATHER,

In a world of created changeable things, Christ and His Word alone remain unshaken.

O to forsake all creatures, to rest as a stone on Him the foundation, to abide in Him, be borne up by Him!

For all my mercies come through Christ, who has designed, purchased, promised, effected them.

How sweet it is to be near Him, the Lamb, filled with holy affections!
When I sin against Thee I cross Thy will, love, life, and have no comforter, no creature, to go to.

My sin is not so much this or that particular evil, but my continual separation, disunion, distance from Thee, and having a loose spirit towards Thee.

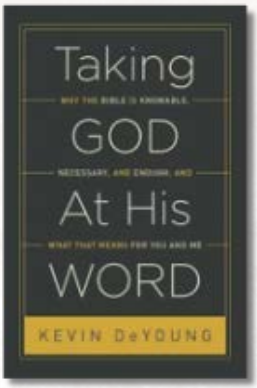
But Thou hast given me a present, Jesus thy Son, as Mediator between Thyself and my soul, as Middleman who in a pit holds both him below and him above, for only He can span the chasm breached by sin, and satisfy divine justice.

May I always lay hold upon this Mediator, as a realized object of faith, and alone worthy by His love to bridge the gulf.

Let me know that He is dear to me by His Word; I am one with Him by the Word on His part, and by faith on mine;
If I oppose the Word I oppose my Lord when He is most near;
If I receive the Word I receive my Lord wherein He is nigh.

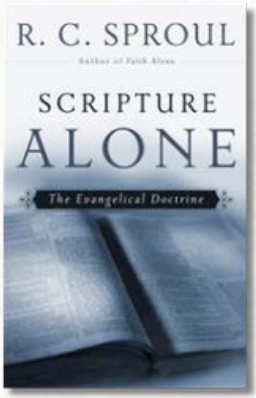
O Thou who hast the hearts of all men in Thine hand, form my heart according to the Word, according to the image of Thy Son,
So shall Christ the Word, and His Word, be my strength and comfort.

Recommended Reading



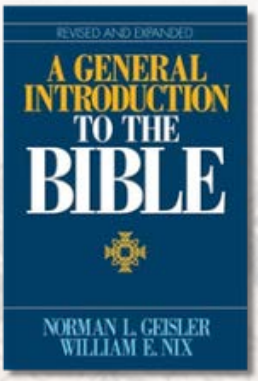
Taking God at His Word
by Kevin DeYoung

An accessible introduction to the authority, clarity, necessity, and sufficiency of Scripture.



Scripture Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine
by R. C. Sproul

A defense of the Protestant understanding of biblical authority and Sola Scriptura.



A General Introduction to the Bible
by Norman L. Geisler and William E. Nix

A scholarly yet accessible deep-dive into the inspiration, canonization, and transmission of the Bible.