

REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Reformation: Visitors' and New Members' Class

Lesson 1: What is the Gospel?

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LESSON 5:
“Reformed & Reforming: How Church History Shapes Who We Are Today”

Introduction & Review

Reformation Presbyterian Church is not only a confessionally orthodox church, we are a particular *kind* of confessionally orthodox church. We are a "Reformed" church. What do we mean when we describe ourselves as "Reformed"? Why is it important for us to describe ourselves that way? And what does being "Reformed" have to do with the Bible?

Resources:

Curt Daniel, *The History and Theology of Calvinism*
A.W. Pink, *The Sovereignty of God*
R.C. Sproul, *What is Reformed Theology*

I. What it Means to be “Reformed”

- A. We occupy a particular place in the stream of church history**
- B. The Bible calls us to remember our history (1 Chron. 16)**
- C. The Reformation & the Reformed tradition**

II. Why the Church Should be “Always Reforming”

- A. We’re always maturing in our understanding/application of God’s Word**
- B. The truth is always under attack (both from inside and outside the church)**

Conclusion

Reformed Christians are students of the history of the ongoing work of God in the church. They appreciate and seek to learn from church history. They see the Reformation of the 16th century as a great outpouring of the Spirit of God and a recovery of the biblical gospel. They believe that the church should be Reformed and reforming according the Scriptures.