## Presbyterianism for Dummies

## Week 4 What is Reformed Theology?

Wł	at is do we mean by "REFORMED"?			
	1.	Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda		
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	Where did REFORMED THEOLOGY originate?			
	What are the distinguishing characteristics of 'REFORMED THEOLOGY'?			
	REFORMED THEOLOGY today.			

responsibility of man as expressed in the Bible. "The Reformed Christian is especially distinguished by his respect for the sovereignty of God—his persuasion that all things and all times are in God's hands, to determine, to initiate, to accomplish and to conclude according to His sovereign will." (Presbyterian Journal, May 2, 1979, page 14.) The reformed Christian also believes that God's sovereign will is fulfilled through the thoughts, words, and deeds of men, and he is therefore responsible to God in every aspect of his life.							
□ Th	e 5	overeignty of God					
		God is sovereign in		nite—Jeremiah 23:24 rnal—Psalm 90:2			
		God is sovereign in  Genesis 1, 2; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:16, 17		changeable—Malachi 3:6			
		God is sovereign in  Isaiah 40:12; Proverbs 16:33; 21:1; Daniel 4:17; WCF III, IV					
		God is sovereign in  Matthew 12:36, 37; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-12					
	<b>-</b>	God is Sovereign in Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 1:3-14		Man's Inability (Romans 8:5-8) God's Choosing (2 Timothy 1:9) Christ's Work (Romans 5:9-11) Spirit's Power (Titus 3:5,6)			
□ Th	The R	esponsibility of Man	God's Preservation (Saint's Perseve	God's Preservation (Saint's Perseverance) (John 10:27-30)			
		Man is responsible for Genesis 3; Romans 5:12					
		Man is responsible for Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6					
		Man is responsible for  Psalm 51: 2 Corinthians 7:10					
		Man is responsible for Ephesians 2:10; I Peter 2:9; Romans 12; Matthew 5:43—48					
		Man is responsible for  Matthew 28:18-20					

By "reformed" we mean that we seek to proclaim in doctrine and life both the sovereignty of God and the

Recommended Reading	
and Resources	
☐ The Institutes of Christian Religion, John Calvin	
Book Description	
Calvin's Institutes represent his life work in teaching theology. They first appeared in 1536 and went through three significant revisions - each expanding and building upon the previous.	
Originally written to give basic understanding of Christian doctrine, they became one of the earliest systematic theologies of the Reformed tradition. Calvin's stated desire is to give the reader the necessity background to read and accurately handle the great	
doctrines and promises of the Bible.	
This book can be found on-line through the follow web address:	
http://www.reformed.org/master/index.html?mainframe=/books/institutes/	
☐ What is the Reformed Faith? John R deWitt	
The Banner of Truth Trust	
☐ The Reformed Faith, Loraine Boetnner	
This is a succinct tract (less than 27 pp.) by the late Loraine Boettner, a Reformed pastor, which covers the basic tenets of the Reformed Christian Faith. The opening section affirms the sovereignty of God. The following sections cover the doctrine of	
total depravity and man's totally helpless condition as a sinner and his need for redemption in Christ Jesus. The subsequent sections address issues relating to soteriol-	
ogy (that is the doctrine of salvation) and it offers responses to passages of Scripture that supposedly give credence to universal atonement and implications that man initiates his own salvation. The final section compares and contrasts the Reformed Faith with that of the Arminian creed.	
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