

PART I OVERVIEW

In the introductory lesson, we covered the purpose & importance of understanding & studying Reformed Theology. We learned that Reformed Christians are not the *only true Church*, but rather part of the universal Body of Christ. We covered the core principles & doctrines that are widely held by the Reformed community, but specifically held by the elders of **Christ Alone Church**. These core principles include the authority & sufficiency of God's Word, the reformation of the heart, & the glory of God as the ultimate aim. The core doctrines we covered were the Doctrine of Justification by Faith Alone, the 5 Solas, Calvinism, Covenant Theology, & historic confessionalism.

Moving from these foundations, we now turn to understand the core presuppositions which help shape the Reformed Tradition.

Part I: Reformed Tradition is a series of introductory lessons dedicated to fleshing out the presuppositions that undergird & help us better identify Reformed Theology.

After a brief look at how the gospel has been faithfully promised & preserved from eternity past (**Lesson #1**), we will survey God's continued faithfulness throughout church history, especially in light of the Protestant Reformation (**Lesson #2**). Resting in the comfort of seeing God build & keep His covenant people throughout the centuries, we will revisit the reformed principle of heart reformation, once again highlighting that the spiritual growth & reform of the Church starts in the heart of His people (**Lesson #3**). Finally, we will address the term's fluidity over the recent decades, which has led to definitional and theological confusion. We will examine its use during the Reformation, as well as how various Protestant & evangelical traditions today understand the term, that we may aware of various uses of it, as well as have a sincere use of the term ourselves (**Lesson #4**).

This series of lessons will cover several sessions to leave room for clear teaching, explanation, application, & discussion.

In sum, Part I teaches that the Reformed tradition is rooted in God's eternal faithfulness to preserve, reform, and sanctify His people according to His Word.

The lessons shall be structured accordingly:

Lesson #1: Eternally Secured: A biblical basis for the hope of God's eternal grace for His saints

Lesson #2: Historically Preserved: A historical survey for the hope of God's preservation of His saints

Lesson #3: Progressively Sanctified: The practical reality of God's promised reformation of His saints

Lesson #4: Tracing The Meaning of Reformed: Surveying the historical & modern usages of *Reformed*