

## A Biography of Abraham Kuyper

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### 1. The doctrines of the Reformation had a strong effect on the Netherlands, but it was a long, hard and bloody \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. The country was then part of the Spanish Empire and Spanish monarchs were ruthless in seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ the Reformation work there. But ultimately, in the region that became the Dutch Republic, the Reformed faith became dominant.
- b. The Synod of Dordt took place there in 1618-1619 and became part of the "Three Forms of Unity", which became the official doctrinal statements of the \_\_\_\_\_ Reformed Church.
- c. During the 17th and 18th century, liberal beliefs became common in the Dutch church. In the 19th century revival occurred and the desire for a reformed church separate from \_\_\_\_\_ control resulted in the birth of the Christian Reformed Church in 1836.

### 2. The life and ministry of Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920).

- a. Kuyper brought skeptical attitudes toward the Christian faith to his first pastorate in 1863, but through the persistent witness of one of his members, Pietje Baltus, he was ultimately \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Kuyper spent many hours listening to a peasant woman \_\_\_\_\_ him in the faith. Later he related that he had tried to argue with her and with other orthodox believers, but, as he put it, 'I began to listen more than talk.'"*  
- James McGoldrick

- b. Kuyper had a significant impact on the nation as his \_\_\_\_\_ was lived out as a pastor, theologian, journalist, educator and ultimately as prime minister of the Netherlands.

### 3. Kuyper's reformed beliefs were the foundation for several \_\_\_\_\_ that he gave emphasis to throughout his life.

- a. Christ is completely sovereign over \_\_\_\_\_ things.

*"No single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry: '\_\_\_\_\_!'"*  
- Abraham Kuyper

- b. God has granted authority to leaders in accordance to the particular \_\_\_\_\_ of life in which they serve.

*"The family, the business, science, art, and so forth are all social spheres, which do not owe their existence to the \_\_\_\_\_, and which do not derive the law of their life from the superiority of the state, but obey a high authority within their own bosom; an authority which rules, by the grace of God, just as the sovereignty of the state does."*  
- Abraham Kuyper

- c. Christians have the responsibility to hold \_\_\_\_\_ to the antithesis between the Christian faith and the world.

*"Dr. Kuyper contended that the Christian and non-Christian world-views begin with mutually exclusive assumptions which lead necessarily to a contest for dominion in \_\_\_\_\_ areas of life. Each seeks to destroy the other, so no science or discipline of learning is actually impartial."*  
- James McGoldrick