

## What It Means to Be Reformed

*Where we are going in this course*

I. The Label "Reformed"

II. The Ten Areas We Will Discuss

- A. Nature and Use of Scripture
- B. God is Sovereign
- C. Covenantal Structure of Scripture
- D. Plan of Salvation
- E. All Embracing World View
- F. Concept of Holiness
- G. Church Government
- H. Sacraments
- I. Evangelism
- J. Worship

*Text*

Coppes, Leonard – *Are Five Points Enough, The Ten Points of Calvinism*

*Suggested Reading List*

- Packer, J. I. – *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*<sup>1</sup>
- Pink, A. W. – *The Sovereignty of God*<sup>1</sup>
- Young, Edward J. – *The God Breathed Scripture*<sup>1</sup>
- Robbins, John W. & Gerety, Sean – *Not Reformed at All*<sup>2</sup>
- Robbins, John W. – *Christ & Civilization*<sup>2</sup>
- Jones, Paul S. – *Singing and Making Music, Issues in Church Music Today*<sup>2</sup>

- Hansen, Collin - *Young, Restless, Reformed*<sup>1</sup>
- Boettner, Loraine - *The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*<sup>1</sup>
- *The Westminster Standards*<sup>3</sup>

Available from:

<sup>1</sup> - The Evangelical Bible Book Store, 619-291.4381, [www.ebiblebookstore.com/](http://www.ebiblebookstore.com/)

<sup>2</sup> - The Trinity Foundation, 423.743.0199, [www.trinityfoundation.org](http://www.trinityfoundation.org)

<sup>3</sup> - The Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 215-830-0900, [www.opc.org](http://www.opc.org)

### *Homework*

1. Read the chapter in Coppes' book before each class discussion of the topic
2. From the following the following scripture passages, memorize those you don't know:  
 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17  
 Ephesians 2: 1 - 3, 8 - 10  
 1 Corinthians 10:31  
 Psalms 1, 23, 100  
 John 3:16  
 1 Peter 1: 13 - 16
3. Memorize the structure of Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians and 1 Peter

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## I. The Label "Reformed"

A. The reason for the title of the text

B. The use of labels

C. What does the label "Reformed" mean?

## II. The Ten Areas We Will Discuss

### A. The Nature and Use of Scripture

#### 1. Scripture's view of itself

2 Timothy 3:14 - 17

2 Peter 1:20 - 21

1 Peter 1:22 - 2:3

#### 2. Definition of Scripture (from Coppes)

God Speaking

About Christ

To Men

### 3. Use of Scripture

Perspicuity

Verbalization

Coherence

Effectiveness

### 4. Thoughts on Joshua 1:8 and Proverbs 3:5 & 6

## B. God is Sovereign

### 1. Definition

Three parts

### 2. Should we deal with this subject?

WCF III, 8

What is the result of believing this?

How do you get that result?

### 3. Scriptural References

Psalm 33

Notice the progression in the thought. What does it remind you of?

Isaiah 46

God has a plan

God executes the plan

Ephesians 1:3 - 6

1 Thessalonians 1: 4 - 10

Genesis 50:19f and Acts 2:22f

4. What is outside of God's sovereignty? What does this say about bad events that happen (like the little girl in 2 Kings 5 who was kidnapped, Sept 11, 2001 and Hurricane Katrina)?

5. Arguments against the sovereignty of God

It's not fair

It leads to fatalism

It discourages evangelism