

Semper Reformanda: The Biblical Heart of the Reformation

Week 2: Overview of the Protestant Reformation

“We cannot create spiritual renewal – we can only prepare the altar and the sacrifice,
but only God can send the fire”

1. I Kings 18:30-40 – repairing the altar of the LORD

- A. The story of God’s chosen people is filled with times of rebellion and error
- B. God sends judgment as a result of our sins
- C. God, by his mercy and grace, sends messengers to preach truth to preserve his own
- D. God sends the revival

2. The burning question

- A. What must I do to be saved?
- B. The righteousness of God (Romans 1)

3. The means God sovereignly used to bring about Reformation

- A. Corruptions of the papacy
- B. The Renaissance and Humanism
- C. Invention of the printing press
- D. Erasmus’ Greek New Testament
- E. Pre-reform movements
- F. The spark – Martin Luther and the 95 theses

4. The Reformation’s flame burns on

- A. In Switzerland
- B. In England
- C. Today – *Semper Reformanda!*

“The fire which all the world shall never be able to quench” – Richard Sibbes