

# Welcome

Welcome to the Reformed Theology Class of The Chapel. The class is a mixture of theology and travel log through Germany as we learn about Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. The class is divided into two 6-week sessions. If you choose to go through all 12 weeks, we will be learning the fundamental theological premise of the Reformation and historic Protestant Christianity.

This is a class that is intended for all those who seek a deeper knowledge of God and His Word. However, let me say at the beginning, it will not be an easy class. It will require careful thought, study and prayerful consideration of all the matters discussed to fully engage in the learning process of this material. Nevertheless, it may very well be the most rewarding twelve weeks of your life. That is certainly my deepest aspiration.

My desire is simple. I want to stretch you beyond your previous biblical understanding so that you might have a greater appreciation, adoration and devotion to God. I have but one request: ***stay the course of the entire class***. You may be tempted, because of personal schedules, complexity of the material, or possibly strong personal views contrary to the lessons themselves, to leave the course before its completion. Let me encourage you now to commit to traveling with us through the entire journey. By the conclusion of our twelve weeks together, I know you will be glad you did.

To assist the learning process, it is imperative that you read the assigned material. To fully understand and engage in the class discussion it will require weekly preparation. The reading is not difficult; however, it will likely require time to mentally “digest” the information. The primary book of this class is **What Is Reformed Theology?** by R.C. Sproul. You can order it here [https://www.amazon.com/What-Reformed-Theology-Understanding-Basics/dp/0801018463/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?dchild=1&keywords=What+is+Theology&qid=1602252558&sr=8-4](https://www.amazon.com/What-Reformed-Theology-Understanding-Basics/dp/0801018463/ref=sr_1_4?dchild=1&keywords=What+is+Theology&qid=1602252558&sr=8-4). I’ve also included several secondary resources that will be helpful for your learning if you choose to dig a little deeper. All the suggested reading in this course are introductions to Reformed Theology and not deep theological treatises. In other words, they were written for the beginning theologian. Sproul clarifies that his book is not “*a textbook on systematic theology, nor a detailed, comprehensive exposition of each and every article of Reformation doctrine. It is, instead, a compendium, a short-hand introduction to the crystallized essence of Reformation theology.*” I mention this at the start in hopes you will not feel overwhelmed. I am confident that each of you will not only be able to understand the material but also will be able to apply it to your own understanding of our great God (Ps. 95:3). One other facet of the class is the Germany Travel Log. I filmed this short series a couple years ago and I’m including it in our study so that you might have a better grasp on the people and places that make up the story of the Reformation. The links to these short videos will be provided to you via our website in the first week of our study.

Overall, as we learn about Reformation Theology and the history of our Protestant heritage let our collective prayers be that we are driven to a deeper understanding of the character of our great God and of His gracious salvation.

In Him,  
Tim Armstrong  
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