

**Revelation 2 & 3**  
Reformation? ... Why?

*The visible Kingdom of Christ ...*

I. Restoring Purity

- A. Corrupt Institution
- B. Abused Saints
- C. Needy Sinners

II. Return to Purpose

- A. The Church
- B. Her People
- C. The World

III. Remarkable Progress

- A. Accomplishments
- B. Advances

IV. Recurring Problems

- A. Compromise
- B. Complacency
- C. Self-Centeredness

V. Reforming Practices

- A. Core Concerns
- B. Discipleship
- C. Evangelism

*... moving toward perfection.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. How is God's Kingdom seen on earth?
2. Is there any perfect church on earth?
3. Name 3 important things a church is supposed to do?
4. Why is it important for you to be a part of your church?
5. Will you pray that our church will be faithful to do what God has called us to do?

**On The Church**

“The whole world is a theatre for the display of the divine goodness, wisdom, justice, and power, but the Church is the orchestra, as it were—the most conspicuous part of it; and the nearer the approaches are that God makes to us, the more intimate and condescending the communication of his benefits, the more attentively are we called to consider them.”

“Wherever we find the Word of God surely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to the institution of Christ, there, it is not to be doubted, is a church of God.”

*John Calvin*

**Heidelberg Catechism**

Lord's Day 21

54. Q. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Christian church?  
A. I believe that the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a church chosen to everlasting life.  
And I believe that I am and forever shall remain a living member of it.

55. Q. What do you understand by the communion of saints?  
A. First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ have communion with Him and share in all His treasures and gifts.  
Second, that everyone is duty-bound to use his gifts readily and cheerfully for the benefit and well-being of the other members.