

REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome to Reformation: Visitors' and New Members' Class

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LESSON 1

“What is the Gospel?”

Reformation Presbyterian Church is a church that believes and preaches the Gospel—the good news proclaimed in the Scriptures. But why do I need to hear good news? What exactly is the good news of the Gospel?

Introduction

- Why do I need good news? *Because I am a sinner trapped in a world of suffering.*
- What is the good news? *God has provided deliverance from all sin and suffering.*
- How should I respond to this good news? *By believing the good news, turning from sin, and living a life of thankfulness to God for deliverance from sin and suffering.*

I. An Authoritative Declaration of Good News from God (the Gospel Call)

II. A Free Offer of Salvation in Jesus Christ

LESSON 2

“Responding to the Gospel”

Reformation Presbyterian Church is a church that believes and preaches the Gospel—the good news proclaimed in the Scriptures. But how do I respond to this Good News that I have heard? What is conversion? What is the new birth? What is repentance and faith?

Introduction

- Review: Elements of the Gospel
- Distinguishing between the Gospel and its implications
- The Gospel is a message that has an authoritative character because it comes from God—it is message that comes in the form of a call, a call to which sinners must respond

I. The Doctrine of Conversion

II. The Elements of Conversion

A. Repentance

B. Faith

III. The Marks of Conversion

Q. Is conversion always marked by a dramatic sudden change in a person’s life?

A. Internal Changes

B. External Changes—New Patterns, Putting On Christ/Putting Off the Flesh

Note: Don’t confuse these new patterns with the Gospel. The Gospel is what Christ has done for sinners. Our life of repentance and faith is our thankfulness for what He has done and nothing more!