



Reformed & Reforming

REFORMATION THEOLOGY OVERVIEW

Sola Scriptura	Scripture Alone
Solus Christus	Christ Alone
Sola Gratia	Grace Alone
Sola Fide	Faith Alone
Soli Deo Gloria	The Glory of God Alone

Unwarranted confidence in human ability is a product of fallen human nature ... God's grace in Christ is not merely necessary but is the sole efficient cause of salvation. We confess that human beings are born spiritually dead and are incapable even of cooperating with regenerating grace. We reaffirm that in salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by his grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life. We deny that salvation is in any sense a human work. Human methods, techniques or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish this transformation. Faith is not produced by our unregenerated human nature. — *Cambridge Declaration*

REFORMED THEOLOGY OVERVIEW

<u>Best Description</u>	<u>Commonly Known As</u>
Humanity's Radical Corruption	Total Depravity
God's Sovereign Choice	Unconditional Election
Christ's Purposeful Atonement	Limited Atonement
The Spirit's Effective Call	Irresistible Grace
God's Preservation of the Saints	Perseverance of the Saints

It goes without saying that those in the Reformed Tradition hold to the doctrines of grace (the five points of Calvinism), man's helpless condition apart from Christ, the necessity of evangelism and the work of the Holy Spirit who (monergistically) quickens the dead to life through the preaching of the word as God turning their heart of stone to flesh, and opening their eyes to the excellencies of the gospel (uniting them to Christ). In other words, RT stresses the way the objective, written Word together with the inner, supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit work together. For the Word without the illumination of the Holy Spirit remains a closed book. We (the church) cast forth the seed of the gospel and the Holy Spirit germinates it, so to speak, with the blood of Christ bringing forth life in people from every nation, tribe, language, and people (Rev 14:6). RT traces its historical and theological lineage back to the theology of Christ, Paul, Augustine and to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century. — *Monergism.com* (<https://www.monergism.com/taxonomy/term/31263/contact>)