

## Reformed View of Salvation

The Bible Fellowship Church holds to a Reformed view of salvation.

- People are born sinful, unable to please God. We do not deserve His grace.
- No one can come to God for salvation on their own initiative, but God elected those whom He will save before the foundation of the world.
- Receiving Jesus Christ includes the forgiveness of sins on the grounds of His shed blood on the cross and the imputation of His perfect righteousness.
- The Holy Spirit calls those who are chosen and gives them eternal life.
- Every believer is kept until the day of redemption through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Unity in Diversity

The Reformers of the past held varying positions on communion, baptism, church government, and other aspects of faith and practice. The same is true of Reformed churches today. Some Reformed denominations or churches like the BFC hold to believer's baptism by immersion. Others practice infant baptism. The BFC denomination holds to a premillennial view of the End Times while other denominations or churches may hold to an

amillennial view of the End Times. In the midst of this diversity, there is unity in salvation through Jesus Christ who has formed us together into His body.

We are grateful for the Reformers who prayerfully sought the Lord, discovered the five solas, and understood that salvation is God's work. Today, just like the Reformers who came before us, the Bible Fellowship Church strives to be true to God's word in all matters of faith, life, and practice.

*For more information on the doctrinal views of the Bible Fellowship Church, visit [BFC.org](http://BFC.org) or scan the QR code below with your smartphone.*



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## Is the BFC Reformed?

The Bible Fellowship Church calls itself “Reformed” because of its understanding of Scripture as seen in our historical heritage, commitment to the five solas, and its doctrine of salvation.

## Reformed in History

Broadly speaking, Reformed theology refers to the beliefs of the men and women who were instrumental in the 16th-century Protestant Reformation. During this time period, many faithful men and women studied the Scriptures and became dissatisfied with the Catholic Church upholding tradition above the Bible’s teaching. The Reformers did not set out to start new churches, but desired for the Catholic Church to return to Biblically sound doctrine. When the Catholic Church was unwilling to change its ways, the Reformers were put out of the church and started their own. Some Reformers such as Martin Luther are called magisterial reformers because they continued an alliance with the political authorities of the day. Other Reformers such as Menno Simons believed the church should not be so closely connected to the government. The BFC historically stems from the Anabaptist Reformers through the Mennonite church. Today the BFC holds to the central theology of the magisterial reformers, but believes in the separate roles of church and state. Although not all Reformers believed exactly



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the same things in all points of doctrine, they were in agreement on the five solas.



## The Five Solas of the Reformation

Reformed churches in the past and present emphasize these five key points of doctrine expressed through these Latin phrases. The word “sola” means alone or only.



- **Sola Scriptura** –

Scripture alone is the authority. Neither tradition, nor the word of any person or group of people, carries the same weight as the Bible.

- **Sola Fide** – Believers are justified by faith alone. Salvation is not given on the basis of our good works.

- **Sola Gratia** – Salvation is not given based on our merit or the merit of any person who has gone before us except Jesus Christ. Only God by His grace gives salvation.

- **Solus Christus** – We come to God through Christ alone. He is the only mediator between God and people.

- **Soli Deo Gloria** – All glory is given to God alone.

The Bible Fellowship Church holds to the five solas of the Reformation. The solas remind us that salvation is the Lord’s work from start to finish.