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Churchy Words 6: Reformed

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KEY PASSAGES

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions, it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

FIVE KEY POINTS

1. **Reformed means getting back to the basics.** About 500 years ago the church had become a deeply dysfunctional family, and Martin Luther pushed it back to the five solas, the five alones of the faith.
2. **Grace is love we cannot earn.** He called it unconditional acceptance given to an undeserving person by an unobligated giver, God answering our brokenness and our need.
3. **Faith is belief, trust and action.** Even the demons believe, James says. Calling Jesus my Lord means placing your trust in him and living it out.
4. **Scripture has the final word.** If the church says one thing and the Bible another, the church is wrong, which is why Luther put the Bible into the language of the street.
5. **The Reformation came at a cost.** The family split into many denominations, and he prayed for churches on PEI to work together the way they already do through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

STORIES & ILLUSTRATIONS

The light bulb joke. He told the old one about how many Presbyterians it takes to change a light bulb: one to change it and nine to say they liked the old bulb better. Change was hard for medieval bishops, and it still is.

John A. Macdonald. Believing that Jesus existed doesn't make you a Christian, he said, any more than believing in John A. Macdonald makes you a Tory or believing in Julius Caesar makes you a Roman.

Not a superb guy. He asked whether God looks down and decides that Rollwage is a superb guy worth loving. The answer, he said, is a resounding no, and that is exactly what makes it grace.

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