

Reformed Christian Worldview
Lesson 1: Introduction to the Reformed Christian World View

I. World View

A. "Bumper-Sticker" World View Evaluation

II. Everybody has a worldview

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

D. _____

III. What is a worldview?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

IV. The Parts of a World View

A. Secondary Beliefs

1. _____

2. _____

B. Core Beliefs

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

V. Christian Worldview

A. _____

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- B. _____
- C. _____

VI. A Reformed World View

- A. _____
- B. _____

VII. Prominent Sources for the Reformed Worldview

- A. Westminster Theological Seminary (early to mid- 20th c.)
 - 1. Cornelius VanTil (Dutch)
 - 2. John Murray (Scottish)
- B. Calvin Theological Seminary (mid 20th c.)
 - 1. Louis Berkof
 - 2. William Hendricksen
- C. Abraham Kuyper (Dutch, Late 19th, early 20th c.)
- D. Herman Bavinck (Dutch, late 19th, early 20th c.)
- E. Old Princeton Seminary (mid 1800s)
 - 1. Charles Hodge
 - 2. BB Warfield (mid 1800s)
- F. Great Awakening (mid 1700s)
 - 1. Jonathan Edwards
 - 2. George Whitefield
 - 3. Samuel Davies
- G. Westminster Assembly (English, 1640s)
- H. Synod of Dordt (Dutch, 1610s)
- I. English and American Puritans (1500s-1700)

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1. John Owen (1630s-1680s)
 2. Thomas Hooker (1610s-1640s)
 3. William Ames
 4. William Perkins (1570s- 1600)
- J. English and Scottish Reformers
1. John Knox (1540s-1570s)
 2. Peter Martyr Vermigli (Italian, but influential in England 1530s-1560s)
- K. Continental Reformed Church (1500s)
1. Belgic Confession (1550s)
 2. Heidelberg Catechism (1563)
 3. John Calvin (French)
 4. Martin Bucer (German, also influential in England)
 5. Ancient Church Augustine, Bishop in Africa (400s)

VIII. Core Beliefs of a Reformed Christian Worldview

- A. Creation
1. The _____ created man for relationship with him
 2. God created man with _____ and _____
 3. God created man to _____ with others
 4. God created man to relate to the created order by having _____ over the creation
- B. Fall
1. A _____ world exists that is at war with God
 2. Man _____ against God's Authority
 3. Evil, Toil, Pain and Suffering distort the whole created world
 - a) *Man's relationship with _____ is broken*

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- b) *Man's _____ is broken*
- c) *Man's relationship with _____ is broken*
- d) *Man's relationship to the _____ is broken*

IX. Restoration

- A. God began the _____ process in the Old Testament through laws that regulate worship and human interactions.
- B. God is working now to _____ all things to the created norm through Christ (Colossians 1:15-20)
- C. In the future, God will restore the created order to the pre-fall state with a _____ [Consummation] (Rev 21:5)
- D. Believers will experience a _____ of their bodies.
- E. A judgment awaits the _____ and the _____.

X. For Further Study

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