

Freedom:

Seven Lesser Known Gifts of Our Reformation Heritage

Part 3

His Image Bearers

Romans 6:5-8

Introduction:

Our Union with Christ
secures

Our Inheritance with Christ
restoring

Our New Creation Calling in the World

The Biblical Vision of the Christian's Freedom (as Preserved in Our Reformation Heritage):

His Own Special People (last week):

- I. The Priesthood of Every Believer
- II. The Freedom of the Individual Conscience
- III. The Perspicuity of Scripture
- IV. The Primacy of Preaching

His Image Bearers:

V. Our Union with Christ

"The central truth of the whole doctrine of salvation" - John Murray

Romans 6:5-8, Colossians 3:1-3, Ephesians 2:4-7,

Ephesians 1:3 (and the prepositions of Ephesians 1)

The Vine & the Branches: *The Only Way We Live*

John 15:3-5

The Sufficiency of Christ: *All that is Needed...*

2 Peter 1:2-4, Galatians 2:20

VI. Our Inheritance of the World

Whose world is this anyway?

Psalm 24:1

The Lordship of Christ & the Inheritance of His People

John 16:33, Philippians 2:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:20,& 23-27, Romans 8:15-17

Our Restored Image & the Creation Mandate

2 Corinthians 5:17

Vigorous Restoration not Timid Separation

[Side-note on Five Hinderances to be World Transforming Christians]

“That they might see...”

Matthew 5:13-16, Proverbs 11:10

VII. The Holiness of Everyday Life

God’s Domain, Christ’s Lordship & the Significance of Everyday Life

The Reformation Vision: *Engaging all that is True, Good & Beautiful*

The Reformation Effect: *A Whole New World*

Freedom Promises the Resources of Transformation

Our GCC Missions & the Goal of My Preaching

**Equipping God’s People to Delight in Him &
to Display His Glory and Grace in the Whole of Life**

Romans 6:3-8

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,