

# One Church.

In Dialogue with the Bride of Christ

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## Week 3: *Christian Reformed* (with Henry Wildeboer)

### CHRISTIAN REFORMED – The Soil of the Anabaptists

- History... The Protestant Reformation
- Theology...
  - Gentle Calvinism
  - Kingdom Emphasis
  - Eschatology - Amillennialism
- Emphasis on Education...

### A DIFFERENT TAKE ON – Covenant, Creeds, Catechism, & Calvin

- Children of the COVENANT – baptizing babies of Christian homes
- CREEDS summarize the boundaries of Christian belief
- CATECHISMS anchor Christian faith in more detailed expression

### The Heidelberg Catechism (16<sup>th</sup> Century)

#### Question 1,

What is your only comfort  
in life and in death?

Or,

(“What holds you together when everything falls apart?”)

#### Answer,

That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

### LOOK TO THE BOOK – Where Does God Live?

**2 Chronicles 7:14; Isaiah 57:15, 66:1,2,5; Micah 6:8;  
James 4:4,6,10; 1 Peter 5:5; Philippians 2:5-11**

How?...

1. Not my way, but yours!
2. Follows struggle, failure, frustration, trying.
3. Calls for surrender = giving up!
4. Sorry – for stubborn self-centeredness and pride
5. Please – forgive and cleanse me through Jesus
6. Thank you – for new beginning and Holy Spirit

### TAKE OUT – I’ll Have One Gospel to Go Please

*NEXT WEEK... Messianic Judaism (with Ben Volman)*



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## Home Church Questions...

### BEFORE YOU COME...

To get the most out of this week's discussion, become familiar with **Philippians 2:1-11**. Write down observations, lessons, and lingering questions. Come prepared to dive in and contribute to a meaningful discussion.

### HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. What is humility?

### HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Read **Philippians 2:1-11**.
  - a. What stands out as you read through this passage?
  - b. Paul begins by asking his readers to be of the same mind, same love, united in spirit, and focused on one purpose. What do you think is the purpose that unites your home church? Why are you there, together, now?
  - c. Paul says we should think of others as being better than ourselves. Why not just say we should consider each other as equal? How does this concept help explain Christ's teaching that our sin is always a "log/plank" compared to the "speck/splinter" of a friend, or Paul's claim that he is the worst of sinners?
  - d. "How can Jesus be God? He wasn't omniscient, omnipotent, or omnipresent. He didn't transcend time and space. He was a human, like us. By definition, that isn't God." How does Paul address this objection in **verses 6-7**?
  - e. How might **verses 10-11** be used to support universalism (the belief that all people will be saved for eternity)? What do you think?
  - f. Read the journey of Jesus over again in **verses 5-8**. This attitude is to be ours? Our culture encourages us from childhood to be climbing UP the ladder of success, income, fame, popularity. Pause for a moment and reflect over your life, your plans, and your attitude. Are you following Christ or culture? (Take a moment to reflect silently.)

### HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

3. "Have this attitude, this mind, this way of thinking in you that Jesus had."
  - a. What area of life tempts you the most to think of yourself as better than others?
  - b. How do you think you will *relate to* people differently as you grow in Christ-likeness? Be specific.
    - In home church.
    - In your family.
    - With friends.
    - At work/school.
4. Let's practice! There's no time like the present for putting the principle of Christ-like humility into action. So let's act on this now, in home church. Read over the entire passage again, slowly. Take a few moments to meditate on the passage and listen to what God is saying to you through it. Think about what relating to your home church will look like as you practice the principle of Christ-like humility. Envision yourself feeling genuinely delighted to be surrounded by people who are so wonderful and who you count it a privilege to serve in practical ways. Then, go get 'em...

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## Quotes...

Today Henry Wildeboer will be challenging us in the area of humility...

"Be not proud of race, face, place, or grace."  
-- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"It was pride that changed angels into devils;  
it is humility that makes people into angels."  
-- St. Augustine

"A humble mind is the soil out of which thanks grows naturally.  
A proud person is seldom a grateful one; he thinks he never gets as much as he deserves."  
-- Henry Ward Beecher

"There is no room for God in one who is full of self."  
-- Martin Buber

**He has showed you, O man, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**  
-- The Prophet Micah