

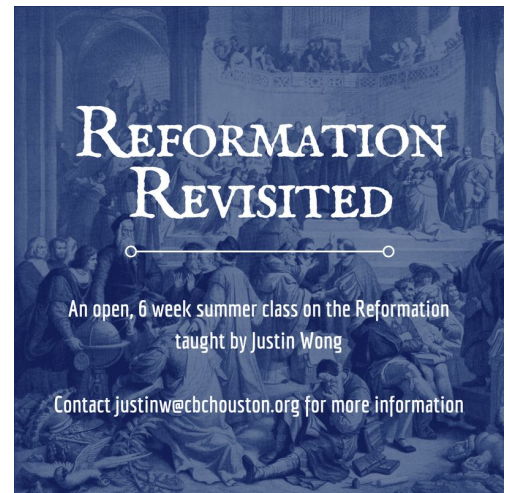
**Course Summary:** 2017 celebrates the 500th anniversary of one of the biggest historical events in history. This brief course seeks to educate the student on the Protestant Reformation. The course is an abbreviated 6-week intensive study covering the various topics of the Reformation. Each student is expected to be prepared for lecture, class participation, and off-campus study. The goal of this course is to help the student understand the importance of the Reformation, grasp the doctrines and history, and seek to integrate the biblical principles in today's modern context.

This course is open to all who are interested and serious about learning more on the Protestant Reformation.

**Time & Location:** 11:20am-12:20pm in Room 134.

**Schedule:**

- June 11: Framing the Reformation: Historical Context of the Reformation
- June 18: Justification by Faith Alone
- June 25: Sola Scriptura
- July 9: The true Church
- July 16: The Sacraments
- July 23: Baptists & the Reformation



**Reformation:** The word *reformation* comes from the Latin verb *reformo*, which means “to form again, mold anew, or revive.” The Reformers did not see themselves as inventors, discoverers, or creators. Instead they saw their efforts as rediscovery. They weren’t making something from scratch but were reviving what had become dead. They looked back to the Bible and to the apostolic era, as well as to early church fathers such as Augustine (354-430) for the mold by which they could shape the church and re-form it. The Reformers had a saying, “*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*,” meaning, “the church reformed, always reforming.”<sup>1</sup>

“The Protestant Reformation is worthy of celebration for three reasons. First, it sparked a radical recovery of three things that should always be precious to God’s church: the Bible, the gospel, and its mission. Second, the active remembrance of this titanic movement forces modern Christians to find our place in history, acknowledging that we have not “begun the world anew.” Third, the spirit of the Reformation is extraordinarily relevant to our contemporary world and the problems it faces.”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Stephen J. Nichols *The Reformation: How a Monk and a Mallet Changed the World* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2007), 17.

<sup>2</sup> Ray Van Neste & J. Michael Garrett. *Reformation 500* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2017), ebooks.