

PRECIS OF IDEAS OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Man and God: God's absolute sovereignty; "total depravity" of mankind; the enormous gulf between man and God.

Salvation: faith precedes decision (faith is a free gift from God; free will has nothing to do with it); predestination, single and double; how do good works fit into the picture ("faith not without works")?

How do we know God, His plan? Through Jesus Christ ("Christocentric") as revealed in scripture ("scriptura sola").

The Reformers' understanding of Church scripture over the Church; "priesthood of all believers"; the superiority of preaching (the word) over the sacraments.

Therefore, deemphasize the sacraments; at most retain only two – Baptism and Eucharist.