



*One Dutch letter to go!*

# Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church

## S is for Sola

In a day and age when the broader evangelical church does not wish to define herself for fear of being uninviting, Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church with malice of forethought desires to be distinctly biblical and confessional. Hence, we hold dear to. . .

### **Sola Scriptura**

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church believes the inerrant Scripture to be the sole source of written divine revelation, which alone can bind the conscience. The Bible alone teaches all that is necessary for our salvation from sin and is the standard by which all Christian behavior must be measured. *What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.*

### **Solus Christus**

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church holds that salvation is accomplished by the mediatorial work of the Lord Jesus Christ alone. His sinless life and substitutionary atonement alone are sufficient for our justification and reconciliation to the Father. *Who is the redeemer of God's elect? The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.*

### **Sola Gratia**

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church confesses that in salvation we are rescued from God's wrath by His grace alone. It is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life. *How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. What is effectual calling? Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

### **Sola Fide**

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church reaffirms that justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone. In justification Christ's righteousness is imputed to us as the only possible satisfaction of God's perfect justice. *What is justification? Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

### **Soli Deo Gloria**

Hope Reformed Presbyterian Church seeks to live unto His glory. Because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory and that we must glorify him always. We must live our entire lives before the face of God, under the authority of God and for His glory alone, and with that we are called to enjoy Him forever. *What is man's chief end? Man's chief end it glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.*