

This institution affirms among equally Biblical truths the eternal deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the reality of the miracles of Christ, the substitutionary atonement of Christ to satisfy divine justice, and the bodily resurrection of Christ."

I perhaps have not used the word Reformed as much in chapel talks as some might like me to do, because I find that there are those who are so devoted to the term that it becomes to them the be all and end all of their existence; others so detest the term that they don't like anybody who uses it. I think both are completely false. I've known people who ~~sa~~ when they say Reformed Faith mean a thousand different ideas on different subjects, a thousand different points of doctrine. If you would differ on the slightest one of these you're not Reformed! I think that's a utterly false attitude. It's like the matter of the premillennial return. We believe the premil return of Christ--that is the coming back of Christ to this earth, in order to establish His kingdom of righteousness, peace, and holiness upon this earth-- is clearly taught in Scripture. Some believe the rapture of the church which precedes His return occurs before the Great Tribulation. Some believe it occurs during the Great Tribulation. Some believe it occurs at the end of the Great Tribulation. That is an interesting question, a question on which I have definite ideas. But one being a premillennialist does not commit him to any one ~~of~~ idea about the Rapture. It is a different question. To say that one is or is not a premillennialist because of his attitude on this creates nothing but confusion. The same is true about the term Reformed. It refers to certain definite emphases, particularly emphases on the sovereignty of God. I've heard the statement made that when it comes to your salvation, God votes for you to be saved, the devil votes for you to be lost; you cast the deciding vote! That we consider to be the very opposite of