

October 28, 2023 Reformation Sunday  
Matthew 22:34-46 "Reinventing Sliced Bread"

**Introduction:** Acorn to oak. Many acorns to many oaks.  
Loving God and your neighbor and the institution of church.  
The unity of the people of God and the many Christian congregations and organizations.

### **The Protestant Reformation (1517-1648)**

#### **The Big Three Historical Churches**

Ancient Churches of the East-Syriac

Greek Orthodox Church-various ethnic and language groups

Roman Catholic Church-Latin

(Pope of the Western Roman Church Excommunicated Patriarch of Constantinople, 1054)

#### **Reformed Theology, Presbyterian Form of Church Government**

#### **Independent Emerging Churches of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries**

Every 500 years like clockwork.

All languages, many voices.

#### **Conclusion**

Out with the old and in with the new.

The cycle of individual, congregational and institutional life.

"Reformed and Always Reforming"