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THE REFORMED FAITH

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I call your attention to Ephesians 2:1-10 (reading text)...

Last spring there was read to the faculty a letter from the student council requesting that there be some chapel services dealing with the subject of the Reformed Faith. I believe the Reformed Faith is covered quite thoroughly in our classes. I don't have time to visit all the classes, but I'm sure we don't use the word "Reformed" nearly as much as it is used in certain groups.

When that request was made I agreed I would give a series of talks on this subject. This is the first of the series. My next chapel talk will be at least 3 weeks from now, so that you may forget what I say to you before then. If you have any questions after I've finished, or if any idea occurs to you that you would like me to be sure to deal with in a subsequent talk, I wish you would write a note and leave it for me in the office so I could have it in mind-- anything I don't make clear today so I could be sure to deal with it in subsequent talks.

I intended to give this series last fall. But it seemed as if matters kept coming up that were of immediate urgency that had to be dealt with, so it was postponed until this semester.

We find on p. 11 of the Catalog of the Seminary, it says, "Doctrinal Position. The doctrinal position of this institution to which all faculty and Board members must adhere, is that of historical Biblical Christianity in its Reformed expression. Its distinctives include an absolute loyalty to the authority and inerrancy of Scripture, a strong emphasis upon Biblical exegesis, a combination of thorough Christian scholarship with vital spiritual life and evangelistic passion; a firm commitment to the personal and premillennial return of Christ, and a stress upon the necessity of separation from unbelief and ungodliness.