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ESSENTIALS  
OF THE  
REFORMATION

**1. We need grace because we are totally unable to save ourselves.**

**“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.”**

**Romans 3:10-11**

**2. God's sovereign grace  
alone is the cause of our  
salvation.**



**a. God's seeking grace.**

**“Mercy and forgiveness must be free and unmerited to the wrongdoer. If the wrongdoer has to do something to merit it, then it isn’t mercy, but forgiveness always comes at a cost to the one granting the forgiveness.”**

**--Tim Keller**

**“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**Romans 5:8**



**b. God's saving grace.**



**c. God's preserving grace.**