



## **Introducing the IRT**

### **The Challenge**

Germany has basically become a non-Christian country. The majority of the various churches have adopted many of the critical and unbelieving notions and practices of the world around them instead of preaching the Word of God. We believe that Germany needs Reformational preaching, by which Christ is proclaimed and people are called to repentance and faith. Justification by grace must become again the major subject in evangelization and Christian education. However, neither liberal theological faculties at the Universities nor other Evangelical schools provide literature, sermons and scientific research within the framework of Biblical Reformational thought. Therefore, the IRT has been founded to meet this need at least at a basic level. The goal of the IRT is to aid in bringing Reformational theology back to the Land of the Reformation.

### **What is the IRT doing?**

The Institute for Reformational Theology (IRT) has started on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. It is doing its work in different areas:

- Theological research and publication of scientific theological books
- Publication of popular books, brochures and essays
- Theological education at distance (via Selye-János-University, Komarno (Slovakia))
- Lectures (seminary/university level)
- Internet publications (regular sermons, commentaries etc.)
- Conferences

Although the IRT is primarily engaged in Germany, it is also able to work among English and Spanish speaking people.

### **Church oriented**

It is our belief that God wants churches to be built up by sound preaching and teaching. Postmodern man shall hear the clear voice of the saving Gospel of grace. Content and methods of preaching, evangelism, counseling and church growth must be in accordance with the Scriptures, effective in communicating the Gospel and bring glory to God.

### **Biblical**

The IRT holds that the Scriptures are the only infallible rule for life and faith and the inerrant Word of God. Thus the focus of its work is the Scriptures. Its inspiration, inerrancy and authority are explicitly taught and defended against post-modern relativism.

## **Reformational**

The IRT does not only subscribe to the great truths of the Reformation: Scripture alone, Christ alone, Faith alone, Grace alone and all to the Glory of God alone! These are not only used as etiquettes, but it is shown that grace is really free and unmerited grace and that faith is what the Bible teaches it to be. Considering the Word to be a means of grace, its theological work is confessional in nature.

## **The Confessional Basis**

The IRT holds to Luther's Smaller Catechism (without the article on The Office of the Keys and Confession) and to the Heidelberg Catechism. In addition, the Theological Declaration of the Kamen-Initiative (2000) serves as a working basis for the IRT. The IRT also holds to the Berlin Declaration (1909, against the Pentecostal movement) and the Chicago Declaration (1978, on Biblical Inerrancy).

## **Location**

The IRT is located in Reiskirchen (70 kms north of Frankfurt) in the centre of Western Germany. All parts of the German speaking countries in Europe can be reached within a few hours.

## **Finances**

The IRT is a faith work and lives from the gifts of its friends. The assistance of all those interested in furthering Biblical and Reformational theology and preaching is heartily welcomed.

## **Who is at work at IRT?**

Founder and CEO is Bernhard Kaiser Dr. habil., D.Th. (Univ. of Stellenbosch). He has served as an ordained minister to a German congregation in Chile (1978-1983) and lecturer in Systematic Theology, History of Dogma, Church History and History of Philosophy in different seminaries (1985-2006). He was co-founder and principal of the Academy for Reformational Theology in Marburg (Germany). Actually, he is also serving as professor in Systematic Theology (dogmatics and ethics) at the Selye János University in Komárno (Slovakia).

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