

# Reformed Faith and Life

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Dear friends,

### Videos on the Lord's Prayer

The recent launch of my series of ten videos on the Lord's prayer, both on our YouTube channel and on our website (<http://www.foietviereformees.org/category/videos/>) totaled about 15000 views within a month and a half. For a first attempt to produce a series of videos on a given theme all by myself, this is an encouraging result, taking into account the technical improvements which still need to be made to both recording and editing processes. Remarkably enough, the three videos dealing with the fifth petition (forgiveness of sins) generated the largest number of visits, far more actually than those on the fourth petition (*Give us our daily bread*). Is this a sign of how broken relationships characterize our society, deeply hurting individual lives? In all the videos, I stressed the various elements that knit all the petitions of the Lord's Prayer together, as well as their unbreakable bond with the Decalogue. For is the Sermon on the Mount not a reiteration of the Law given to Moses in the light of our Lord fulfilling its demands for the sake of repentant sinners, granting them a righteousness which exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 5:17-20)?

Comments on our Facebook page vary from the usual negative and belittling remarks to highly appreciative ones. An unexpected phone call from a Kabalist Jew trying to destabilize my Biblical positions was also a *premiere* in my ministry.

As with several other derailing attempts, I have learned to give heed to the apostle Paul's repeated injunctions to Timothy not to get involved in all kinds of futile discussions,

even though they might give the appearance of taking Scripture seriously: *The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussions, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either way what they are saying of the things about which they make confident assertions* (1 Tim. 1:6-7). After the Lord's Prayer, a series on the Ten Commandments should follow, then one on the Creed. Thus did our forefathers the Reformers start instructing the sheep entrusted into their care when so much needed to be rebuilt in terms of faith, spiritual understanding and disciplining individual lives.



Recording, editing and publishing videos, is entirely done from home

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### Maintaining Calvin’s heritage

DV in a few days I will be heading for Philadelphia (Westminster Theological Seminary) to take part in an international research congress on the work of John Calvin. A careful reading of his sermons on 1 Timothy, Ephesians and Deuteronomy has proved to be an invaluable source of inspiration and spiritual enrichment in authentic Scriptural knowledge. My ministry would certainly not be what it is today if it were not for this regular interaction with Calvin’s writings, as well as other Reformers. I have never regretted having devoted so much of my reading time to his works, which strike more chords with me as time passes by. That might seem old fashioned, perhaps very self limiting to some. However, when comparing much of what is said or written today with the bulk of instruction found in his sermons, treatises, commentaries etc. I do not cease to be struck with his perceptive understanding of God’s Revelation as whole. In order to share these sermons, I have started formatting them and sending them to a group of people interested in receiving and filing them in a way that allows them to browse through them individually. The idea is to make them available in the French-speaking world, which is paradoxically quite deprived of such sources in comparison with the Anglo-Saxon world. These sermons were delivered during Calvin’s years of ministry in Geneva. Even for most French readers, discovering them in the original language of the 16<sup>th</sup> century may not be so easy at first. With a bit of practice, though, it becomes more and more natural, and rewarding!

### South African website

After months of slow work done on our original website, still hosted in South Africa ([www.foi-vie.org.za](http://www.foi-vie.org.za)) we are now ready for the launch of the updated version which I will be able to feed with material posted on the French website (like the videos and the podcasts). Pray that they may contribute to strengthening the faith and the understanding of visitors, especially African ones, for whom this site was originally intended. May the holy Name of our Lord be glorified in all these small efforts, certainly filled with shortcomings, but sincerely aimed at spreading the Gospel of His Son Jesus-Christ to as many as possible in the French speaking world!

In His service  
Rev Eric Kayayan



*John Calvin (1509-1564) preached on Sundays and on week days*

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