## A CRITICAL QUESTION FACES THE CHURCH:

"Kuyper's Common Grace 'Christianizing of Culture' — Reformed Calling or Ecclesiastical Suicide?"

The recent publication of the first ever English translation of the Dutch theologian Abraham Kuyper's three-volume work, *Common Grace*, has renewed interest and excitement in the concept, developed by Kuyper, that common grace provides the basis to Christianize the culture of this fallen world. This concept is being hailed as the greatest hope for Christian influence in various spheres of American society.

What is the calling of the Christian as he lives in the middle of a sinful world and culture?

Does common grace provide hope to Christianize culture? Is the cultural vision of Kuyper's common grace a powerful mission statement for modern Reformed believers, or a dangerous illusion leading to the spiritual death of the church in our society? What can we learn from the history of the church and culture in the Netherlands and America?

Prof. David Engelsma will present a thought provoking public lecture, examining Kuyper's vision in the light of Scripture, the Reformed Confessions, and history. The lecture will set forth the biblical, Reformed view of culture and a complete Christian life in the world.

A question and answer period will follow the lecture.



Abraham Kuyper (1837-1920) Leading Dutch theologian; Seminary Professor at the Free University in Amtersdam; 24th Prime Minister of the Netherlands (1901-1905)



Prof. David Engelsma
Emeritus Professor of
the Theological School
of the Protestant
Reformed Churches;
Theological lecturer and
author of numerous
widely-read books.

## PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

7:30 pm on September 26, 2014 Sunshine Community Church, 3300 East Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI.

More information available at: www.commongraceandculture.com