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Dear saints
in the Protestant Reformed Churches,

Yesterday, October 6, we witnessed the *fourth* baptism since I came to Limerick. This time we baptised an adult, René Kuhs, one of Manuel's brothers. René is twenty-one years old, has been faithfully attending the LRF for over a year, and studies computer engineering at the University of Limerick. In addition to attending the Sunday services, he has attended many of the *Essentials of Reformed Doctrine* classes (held from September 2010 to January 2013) and almost all of the midweek *Canons of Dort* classes (held from January to September 2013). Some months ago, at family visitation, René asked what would be involved if he wanted to be baptised, as he had never been baptised before. He grew up in a Baptist/Brethren-type church. I explained that baptism necessitated church membership and briefly explained from the *Form for the Administration for Baptism* the commitment he would be required to make. René was keen to make that commitment.



René and I then had a membership class together in which we covered the following

subjects: 1) A summary of the Essentials course; 2) The doctrine of Common Grace and the Well-Meant Offer (with a history of the 1924 controversy); 3) The doctrine of the covenant and the Declaration of Principles (with a history of the 1953 controversy); 4) The creeds, and the value and importance of creeds; 5) Controversial subjects such as marriage, divorce and remarriage; and labour unions; 6) Worship (including the regulative principle); 7) The *Belgic Confession* (he is familiar with the *Heidelberg Catechism* through the preaching and the *Canons* through the midweek study, but we studied the *Belgic Confession* separately); 8) The obligations of church membership and the baptismal form. After many months of instruction (which we held usually on Sunday afternoons), René was ready to confess his faith.

On Saturday, September 14, Rev. Stewart and I interviewed René, and he gave a good confession before us of his love for the truth. René remarked especially that the Reformed Faith has given him a much greater assurance of his own personal salvation. Therefore, with great joy we administered the sacrament to him on October 6, and I preached on Romans 6:3-4 (“Our Baptism into Christ”).

In August, as you know, I attended the Young People's Convention, hosted by Crete PRC. As always, the YPC was a very enjoyable time for me. It was wonderful to see God's covenant faithfulness reflected in so many godly covenant young people. Next week, D.V., Rev. and Mary Stewart and I will be coming to Michigan for the Heidelberg Catechism Conference. We will be in the USA from October 14-21. Marco Barone will also be attending. He will stay a bit longer (until November 1). We look forward to being (briefly) among you again.

On July 21, I finished a series on Titus, and on September 1, I began a series on Psalm 139 (“The God Who Knows Me”). That series will finish next Sunday, D.V., with six sermons. We are well on our way to finishing the Heidelberg Catechism, the second time I have preached through it. This week we reach LD 44.

On September 12, I went to Wales, accompanied by Marco Barone, where I gave a lecture on “God’s Sovereignty in Our Afflictions.” In God’s providence, the flight was delayed, and we managed to get there just a few minutes before the scheduled beginning of the meeting. It was also the last meeting in Porthcawl. We have a new venue for the meetings in Wales: the Round Chapel, Margam, Port Talbot. Rev. Stewart plans to speak there on November 7 on “Original Sin.” I will speak there, D.V., in December, but the date and topic have not yet been determined.

On September 11, we finished the *Canons of Dordt* class. All the lessons were recorded and put on our website, so if you want a refresher course on the *Canons*, you know where to look. I found it a very enjoyable class, and we all grew in our understanding, admiration, and love of the *Canons*. We also recommenced our catechism class for the boys, “New Testament History for Seniors,” on August 31, with Lesson 12. We should be finished with the course by December, when we hope to start the Heidelberg Catechism. Also, with the *Mansons*, we are making excellent progress through *Essentials of Reformed Doctrine*. Last week we finished Lesson 28, although we will have a lot of material on Lesson 29. We need to explain the different (complicated) millennial views. All the lesson outlines for *Essentials* are online also, although, unlike with the *Canons*, we did not record those classes. On top of that, having finished I-II Samuel, we have elected to study Revelation for our midweek Bible study.

Last time, I mentioned that Manuel Kuhs recently created an android app (application) for the LRF website (enabling users of certain electronic devices to download sermons and use the website more efficiently). I did, however, make a blunder. Android applications are *not* compatible on Apple devices, so you cannot use this app on an iPhone or iPad. Sorry for the confusion.



The Kuhs family

Also, I would appreciate it if you could note the change in my e-mail address. I have discontinued the pastor@limerickreformed.com address and will now be using martynmcgeown@gmail.com. Please update your address books accordingly.

Thank you for the prayers, letters, cards, and e-mails. I have not time to answer everyone individually, but I certainly enjoy receiving such tokens of your love and kindness.

May the Lord bless you richly,

In Christian love,
Rev. Martyn McGeown