

The Protestant Reformation achieved many positive results, including a fresh vision of God's grace, a great boost to the distribution of Scripture, and a strong empowerment of lay men and women. And the same time, the Reformation caused problems. These included a break-up of Christian unity, an occasional trivialization of Scripture and a much stronger role for the state in all religious matters. This lecture tries to explain "blessing" and "bane" as fairly as possible.