

## IN MEMORIAM

# A Tribute to Dr. R. C. Sproul (1939–2017)<sup>1</sup>

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**T**here is no way to state the impact of Dr. R. C. Sproul adequately. The impact on people could perhaps be measured, but the immeasurable spiritual impact that R. C.'s teaching has had on so many can only be quantified by the Lord himself. Its vast reach will always remain incalculable to us.

No one has had more influence on students coming to Westminster Theological Seminary than R. C. Sproul. Whenever I ask a student why he has come to Westminster to study, almost invariably R. C.'s teaching will be a significant part of the story. His ability to persuade people of the biblical logic of Reformed theology was without equal. His passion for defending the Christian faith was palpable in almost every word he spoke.

As we mourn his loss and extend our prayers to his family, we praise our Savior for R. C.'s life and ministry. It has been a privilege to live in a time when that ministry has had an effect over a number of decades. Surely such times are rare, because such gifts, passions, and abilities are so rarely distributed to just one person.

As he peers now on the holiness of God in Christ, we rejoice that R. C.'s life-long passion has finally been realized. *Soli Deo gloria.*

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**R. C. SPROUL**

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