

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Sermon: "One Man Who Changed the World"

Text: Romans 3:20-25a, 27-31

WHAT WAS THE REFORMATION?

"A spiritual rebirth that took place in Europe back in the 16th century. Many of us believe that it is, by all accounts, the most important recovery of the gospel since the days of the New Testament."

WHY WAS THE REFORMATION NEEDED?

1. _____, _____, _____.
2. The Gospel had been _____ under centuries of conflicting _____ and superstitions.

WHO WERE THE REFORMERS? The three most famous were . . .

1. Martin Luther (Wittenberg, Germany)
He founded the Lutheran Church. Philipp Melanchthon drafted the Augsburg Confession & presented it at the Diet of Augsburg on June 25, 1530. The Augsburg Confession remains the doctrinal basis of Lutheranism.
2. _____ (Geneva, Switzerland)
His influence created the French Huguenot Church, the Scottish Presbyterian Church, the Dutch Reformed Church, and the English Puritans.
3. Huldrych _____ (Zurich, Switzerland)
From among his disciples the *anabaptism (re baptizer) movement* (January 21, 1525) was born. These young men had lost confidence in Zwingli over two issues: 1) he refused to set the church free from its entanglement with the state; 2) they couldn't find infant baptism anywhere in the N.T.

WHAT WERE THE VITAL TRUTHS OF THE REFORMATION?

Two vital truths stood at the very center of their reforming effort!

1. The first concerned _____.
This was the foundation of the movement: *sola Scriptura* (Scripture only). Church tradition, church councils, the magisterium, & even the papacy had to be judged by the Scriptures. "Scripture alone" meant at least 3 things:

- A. Scripture is fundamentally _____.
 - B. Scripture is _____.
 - C. Scripture is _____ (clear; plain) and self-interpreting.
2. The second concerned _____ itself.
- A. **sola** _____ (by grace alone)
Sinners are saved by grace ... God's unmerited favor ... not as something merited by the sinner. There's nothing I can bring that makes me savable. There's nothing I can contribute that will increase God's mercy, absolutely nothing!
 - B. **sola** _____ (through faith alone)
Salvation is received, as a gift from God, "thru faith alone" without any mixture or need for good works/merit (neither yours or anyone else's). See Eph. 2:8. Saving faith is always evidenced, but not determined, by good works.
 - C. **solus** _____ (in Christ alone)
Christ's doing & dying alone are my basis for acceptance with God. He (Jesus) is the only mediator bet. God and man, and there is salvation through no other.

IS THE REFORMATION OVER?

"The gospel must always be defended, & sometimes it must be rescued."

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

A clear, biblical definition is in 1 Cor. 15:1-11. "Gospel" means "Good New". But before the GOOD news, we must understand the BAD news.

1. BAD NEWS

- A. All have _____ (Rom. 3:23)
- B. The penalty for sin is _____ (Rom. 6:23a)

2. GOOD NEWS

- A. Christ _____ for our sins (Rom. 5:8)
- B. You can be saved thru _____ (Rom. 10:9-10; Eph. 2:8-9)