

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : 1 Peter 1: 22 - 2: 12

Title : An Appropriate Response: Living A Life For God

Introduction

As we wrapped up the series on celebrating the 500 years of the Protestant Reformation, we need to ask the following questions:

- What is the Reformation?
- Why is it so important?
- What is its relevance to me today? (So what?)

The great contrasts:

- Essence of salvation
- Living the saved life

The five solae of the Protestant Reformation:

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- Solus Christus (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.
- Soli Deo Gloria (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.

The five points of Calvinism (T.U.L.I.P.):

- Total Depravity (also known as Total Inability and Original Sin)
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement (also known as Particular Atonement)
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints (also known as Once Saved Always Saved)

The indicative and the imperative

1. **Indicative : Who Am I? (1 Peter 1:22-23, 25 2:3)**

a. Saved by the Grace of God and Chosen by Him

- *obedience to the truth (1:22)*
- *born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable (1:23a)*
- *born again through the living and enduring word of God (1:23b)*
- *tasted the kindness of the Lord (1:25)*
- *the word which was preached to you (2:3)*

2. **Imperative : What must I do? (1:22b, 2:1-2)**

- *purified your souls (1:22b)*
- *a sincere love of the brethren (1:22c)*
- *ferverently love one another from the heart (1:22d)*
- *putting aside all community sins: all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander (2:1)*
- *like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word (2:2a)*
- *grow in respect to salvation (2:2b)*

3. **A First Reminder : What is Life? (1:24-25a)**

- *“ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, ²⁵BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.”*

4. **A Second Reminder : Who is Christ? (2:4, 6-8; Isa 8:14; 28:16; Ps 118:22)**

- *Christ the living stone which has been rejected by men (2:4a, 7; Ps 118:22)*
- *Christ a choice stone (2:4b, 6a; Isa 28:16)*
- *Christ the precious corner stone (2:4c, 6b; Isa 28:16)*
- *Christ a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence (2:8; Isa 8:14)*

5. A Third Reminder : Who Are We?

(2:5-7, 9-10; Isa 28:16)

- *living stones for building into a spiritual house (2:5)*
- *a people who will not be disappointed (2:6,7; Isa 28:16)*
- *a chosen race (2:9a)*
- *a royal priesthood (2:9b)*
- *a holy nation (2:9c)*
- *a people for God's own possession (2:9d)*
- *a people who proclaim the excellencies of Him (2:9e)*
- *a redeemed people versus not a people of God versus not received mercy (2:10)*

6. Perseverance and Preservation (2:11-12)

- *aliens and strangers (2:11)*
- *abstain from fleshly lusts (2:12a)*
- *keep behavior excellent among the Gentiles (2:12b)*

Conclusion

The reformation call was:

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What is our call?