



Redemption Hill Church

SOLA SCRIPTURA

Introduction

Why celebrate an event that divided the Church over 500 years ago? Has not this division resulted in further conflicts over the centuries resulting in the many denominations we have today, each holding to its own doctrinal distinctions? Isn't this a closed chapter in the history of the church? Hasn't the reformation ended? Must we still be divisive in an age of tolerance?

Why? Because those who forget their history, are doomed to repeat it. No brothers and sisters, the reformation has not ended. Historically, the reformation was a movement aimed at reforming the Catholic church, and the Catholic church still remains entirely unreformed. Theologically, the reformation was an unashamed pursuit of God as He is revealed in His word. While the former has far less impact on most of our lives today, the latter is central to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. So, one might say that the reformation has not ended, either historically or theologically.

Therefore, Redemption Hill Church welcomes you to an event that celebrates the theology of the protestant reformation. The moto of the reformation was *Post Tenebras Lux* - out of darkness, light. The reformers understood that such blessed truth can be found, believed and trusted in the pages of Scripture Alone - ***Sola Scriptura***.

Hymn 1
Michael Teddy

God of hope

Verse 1:

*The God of Hope, foresaw the plight
Of all of human kind
For, we'd embraced, with willing hearts
The sin that brought us death*

*The God of Hope, in mercy held
His wrath from pouring out
For, we were clothed, to hide our shame
And hope had thus endured*

Chorus:

*Who can separate this soul
From these mighty hands of hope
For everything that I endure
He works it for my good*

Verse 2:

*The God of Hope, forsook His own
The Lamb prepared for slaughter
He bears the name of Word of God
The joy of His elect*

*The God of Hope, in love He died
And nailed our sins to Calvary
And then He rose to take the throne
Destroyed the curse of sin and death*

Verse 3:

*The God of Hope, predestined us
To eat the bread and drink the cup
Of Christ, the Way, the Truth and Life
In Him we rise from death to life*

*The God of Hope, in joy He shapes
The lives of His elect
No suffering can overtake
The assurance of our hope*



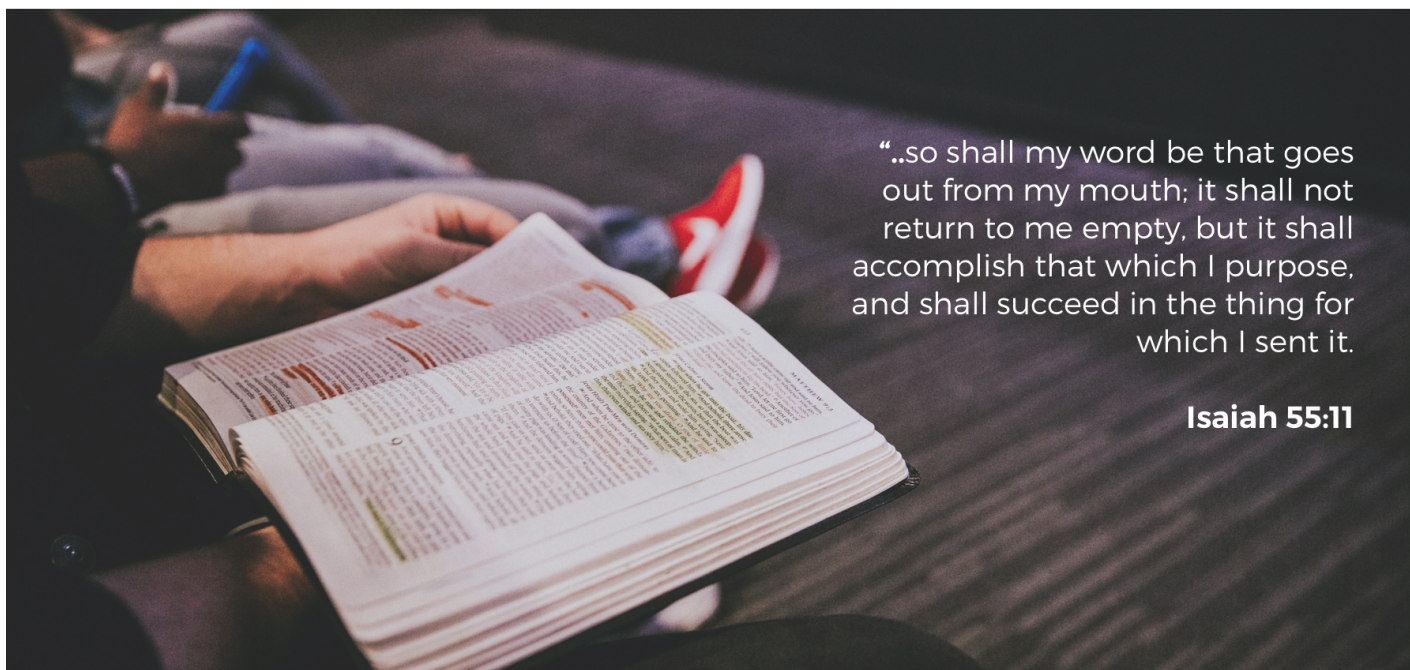
Calvinist is a documentary by Les Lanphere, that brilliantly captures the theology behind the protestant reformation. Jesus said, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away”* - Matthew 24:35. The word of God remains unchanged regardless of the times we may live in. Our hope in knowing God, in believing and worshipping Him, is not determined by cultures, denominations, churches, ages, or even history. It is determined by the sovereign will of God to reveal Himself to us in His word. Therefore, the events of the reformation may have happened 500 years ago, but the truth of God’s word that drove that movement continues to be just as true and valuable today.

As Les describes it, when a generation finds the theology and practice of the modern church wanting, they turn to the internet for answers. An investigation into the roots of the reformation reveals a theology that challenges everything they thought they knew about Christianity. With a fresh view of God, where do they go from here? That is the real question. Not if we know about the reformation, but do we know what the Bible teaches about God.

May God use this film to inform our minds and reform our hearts!

Theology

is the study of the nature and character of God. Every Christian is by definition a theologian.



“..so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Martin Luther

(1483–1546) was a Roman Catholic priest and professor of Biblical studies, who lived in a time when the church had far departed from its Biblical foundations.

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church, tired of the growing and widespread corruption in Roman Catholic theology. But little did he know that his actions had set in motion what we now know as the Protestant Reformation.

The Reformation was marked by a singular pursuit - Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) as the sole authority for all matters of Christian faith and practice.

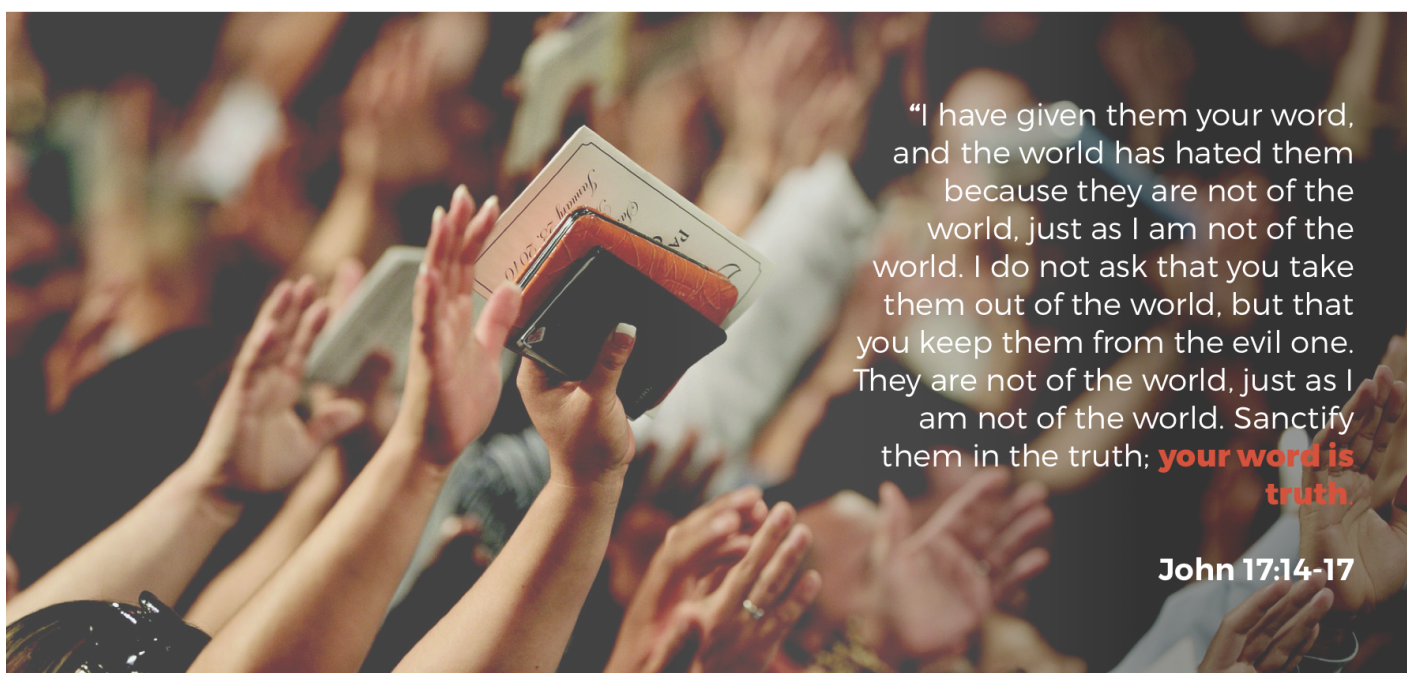
500 years after the reformation, the battle for the authority of Scripture has not ended. Now, the fight has grown within the walls of our own churches and seminaries.



“Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason—I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other—my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen.” - Luther

Sola Scriptura

is **life** to the believing Christian. An abandon of this truth is to abandon God as He has revealed Himself to be.



“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth.**”

John 17:14-17

Hymn 3
Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

Is He Worthy

Verse 1:

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
(We do)

Verse 2:

Is all creation groaning? (It is)
Is a new creation coming? (It is)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the
light within our midst? (It is)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It
is)

Chorus 1:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
To ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
(He is)

Verse 3:

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold
forever those He loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
(He does)

Chorus 2:

Is anyone worthy?
Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave

From every people and tribe
Every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
Is He worthy of this?
(He is)
(He is)
(He is)
(He is)

Ending:

He is worthy! He is worthy!
Of all blessing and honor and glory
He is worthy of this!
(He is)

Suggested Reading

Desiring God - *John Piper*
The five points of calvinism - *Edwin H Palmer*
The Autobiography of George Mueller
The Potter's freedom - *Dr James R White*
Scripture Alone - *Dr James R White*
The Holiness of God - *R C Sproul*
Knowing God - *J I Packer*
Nine Marks Of A Healthy Church - *Mark Dever*
Unashamed - *Michael Teddy & Benjamin Mathews*

Textbooks

Systematic Theology - *Wayne Grudem*
Reformed Systematic Theology - *Joel Beeke*
The Christian Faith: Systematic Theology for Pilgrims on the Way - *Michael Horton*
Systematic Theology - *Louis Berkhoff*
Center Church - *Timothy Keller*

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Thank You for joining us

We thank God and praise Him for bringing you today, to fellowship with us and be a part of our celebration of the Protestant Reformation.

We encourage you to grab a book from the giveaway section as you leave, and pray that you are encouraged to pursue God with greater diligence by immersing yourself in the holy and righteous word of God.

You are welcome to stay back after the event if you would like to talk with us, pray with us, or even if you have more questions that you want to discuss. It is our desire to bless you and help you serve Jesus with all your strength.

REDEMPTION HILL

For the 21st Century Church ►

1. To conclusively quote John 3:16 and ignore the truth about reality that it indicates, is nothing less than an irresponsible disregard for a sincere and truthful relationship with this God who so loved the world.

2. The words 'so (hoútō) loved' in John 3:16, refer to the manner of God's love, not the measure of it, and the context of the passage indicates the example of the bronze serpent raised up by Moses for the Israelites.

3. Thus, as John 3:16, while clear, is not exhaustive about salvation - why we need saving, who we are saved from, or what it means to believe - no individual verse must be considered exhaustive outside of its context

4. Thus, one must take great care to never pull verses to suit their context or agenda, but to treat a verse carefully within its context in the entirety of inspired Scripture, which, as a whole, is both sufficient and true,

5. All of humanity remains dead in their sin, and thus, are totally incapable of the conscious pursuit of what is truly good, till the voice of Christ echoes through their tombs, "Come forth!", to birth new life in them.

6. Christ has diagnosed the human condition, and prescribed its remedy in Holy Scripture. Those leaders who do not, or will not, speak these ultimate truths in honesty are disqualified in their roles as physicians.

7. God is the same yesterday, today and forever. His display of wrath in the Old Testament, and forbearance in the New Testament are not a sign of a change in His character but His choice to act differently in different times.

8. Faith is, at its core, not only the assurance of the person and work of Christ, and our hope in His return to take us home, but also the evidence of His work in us to will and to work according to His good pleasure.

9. Those who truly believe, do so through a gift of God in grace. They are a new creation, a new birth, made righteous through the blood of Christ. This is by faith alone, and by their fruits you will know them.

10. Those who truly believe, are so driven to repentance by the holiness of God, that they are no longer capable of a life of remorseless sin. Persistence in such sin is a sign of an unbelieving or unrepentant heart.

11. Those who truly believe, receive the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of their salvation and glorification, to guide and counsel them in their ways. They have eternal life today, although not in its entire unveiled glory.

12. Not all who claim to be born-again are indeed born-again. Our declaration of Christ as Lord would mean nothing if He did not first declare us His children. To some, He shall indeed say, "I never knew you. Depart!"

13. They are unreasonable men who rush to declare one saved when he repeats a model prayer. One is not born again by such words. Be wary, for such falsehoods serve to usher in greater heresies in the church.

14. And yet, there is none who seek to know Him with all their heart, that will not find Him. For it is the Father who draws the heart to desire and seek Him, and He rejoices in revealing Himself to the true seeker.

15. The believer is not raised to salvation on the basis of any inherent merit - that would no longer be grace - but the sinner is chosen to receive grace, in spite of his sinful depravity, according to God's perfect plan.

16. Born-again believers in Christ are but pitiful and weak instruments in the hands of a mighty God, and yet, there are many who advocate a gospel of mighty instruments in the hands of a helpless God.

17. On the contrary, the believer must never lose sight of the utterly humbling truth of the measure of unmerited favour and forgiveness he has received, for through this He shall conform to the image of Christ.

18. To conform to the image of Christ, is to be as He was, an obedient son and suffering servant. The path pioneered by Christ was one marked by suffering, and we His followers are to follow in His footsteps.

19. The health, wealth and prosperity gospel is an abomination to the true Gospel.

20. While no one can deny that the Lord would meet all our needs according to His immeasurable riches in glory, we must not forget that our ultimate need, and our absolute good, is very simply, Him. Our God.

21. According to His good purpose, and for the glory of His name, if He sees fit to apportion you suffering on this Earth, having already promised you an eternity of sheer joy in heaven, do you still consider it poverty?

22. The Scripture promises suffering, not prosperity. For if the world crucified Him, what about us? Christ promised us the grace to endure suffering and to overcome it, and sometimes to overcome it by enduring it.

23. All these are undergirded by the truth that the Bible does not teach man as the centre of God's redemptive purpose, but God as the centre of everything He does. He does all things for the glory of His Name.

24. Contrary to popular opinion, the common problem that many churches face in reaching out to their people, especially their youth, is neither a cultural nor a generational problem; it is a theological problem.

25. The society today is one where faith is ridiculed and the faithful are mocked as irrelevant and unintelligent. In the misguided attempt to remain 'relevant', we are not to forsake the sound doctrine that sustains us.


26. As language is distorted and old gods are forged anew, we stand our ground, for when the fake pillars of society crumble under the pressure of the inescapable realities of life, our outdated truths do not give way.

27. We must not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the good news for salvation to all who believe by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, on the basis of Scripture alone, all for the glory of God alone.

28. Churches are not meant to be business centres where people come just to invest their money in the infrastructure. They are places where the common desire is to build a throne for our God with our praises.

29. Churches are not meant to be activity centres where people come just to feel like they are earning favour with God. They are places where the Word of God is so exalted that your faith overflows into actions.

30. Churches are not meant to be rehab centres where people come just to get better lives for themselves. They are God-ordained communities where people give away their lives for the sake of the others around them.



500 years after the reformation, the battle for the authority of Scripture has not ended. At the very foundation, the Protestant church stands separated from the Catholic church. But now, the fight has grown within the walls of our own churches. As widespread abandon, distortion and redefinition of Biblical foundations threaten our churches and our families, let us take the time to recall the historical events of the reformation, and be encouraged to carry the baton of the true Gospel in our own generation. May the Lord inform our minds and reform our hearts.

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