

THE LORD'S DAY 31st OCTOBER 2021

REFORMATION DAY – WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Readings: 2 Cor. 6:14-18, John 8:26-28, Ephes. 2:8-9, 2 Tim. 3:16, Is. 43:11, Col. 1:14-18, Is. 59:21, Psalms 12:6-7, Matt. 4:4, Ephes 1:15-23, Matt. 23:8-11, Job 32:21-22, Matt. 28:16-20

Let us mark a very special day today: by the grace of God, the Lord's Day, and Reformation Day, and as well as this, our 22nd A.G.M. as an independent Reformed Church in Nanango. We are here by divine appointment. Let us remember where we've come from, and above all else, let us remember Him Who called us, to give Him the glory, and glory in His pre-eminence!

FIRSTLY, WHAT IS REFORMATION DAY?

The Historical Facts speak for themselves: Before we get to Reformation Day itself, which Luther made famous in Germany in 1517, let us note, there was a considerable work of preparation for this world-wide revival of Biblical Christianity even before 1517. I'm quoting a concise and accurate statement from The Protestant Alliance's magazine, The Reformer, May/June 2011, an article, "The Reformation in England", by P.W. Petter:

The Reformation in England

by P.W. Petter

Early in the 13th Century the right of the Pope to appoint a new Archbishop of Canterbury was challenged by King John and in the quarrel that resulted the Pope placed England under an "interdict". This meant that all services in the churches ceased, there were no baptisms, no solemnization of marriages, and the dead were buried without any religious ceremony in unconsecrated ground. The effect of this state of affairs, which continued for two years, on the minds of the people can be imagined. As King John refused to give way the Pope (Innocent III) declared him to be deposed from the Throne. At length John yielded to the Pope and on 15th May 1213 he knelt before a Papal legate taking the crown from off his own head as a token of submission. Two years later the King was compelled to yield to his barons and sign that great charter of English liberty, "Magna Carta", which twice declares that the Church in England shall be free.



Had there been a greater knowledge of Bible truth in those days, and had John himself been a stronger character the Reformation might have come at that time.



A hundred and fifty more dark years went by and another man of very different calibre was raised up to denounce Papal superstition and defy Papal authority. That man was John Wycliffe, who was born in or about the year 1324 and appointed Master of Balliol College, Oxford, in 1360. He was a man of great ability as well as of strength of character and aided the King (Edward III) in his struggle against Papal encroachments. He maintained that the power of the Popes was derived from the Roman Emperors, whom they had superseded, and not from Christ or Peter, and he urged the King to break with the Pope and to assume the "headship" of the Church in England for himself.

For all this, of course, he incurred the wrath of the Papal authorities who feared, however, to touch his person in view of the strength of his following in the country. Unable to deal with him as they desired in his lifetime, they had to content themselves with disinterring his bones and burning them, forty-four years after his decease.

In 1375 Wycliffe retired to the rectory at Lutterworth, Leicestershire, there to devote the remaining nine years of his life to spiritual work. He was an earnest student of the Scriptures and he translated the whole Bible into the English language. Moreover, he trained and sent out bands of preachers to read the Scriptures and preach the Gospel to the people.

Wycliffe has been called the "Morning Star of the Reformation". His followers were known as Lollards, and although after their leader's death they were subjected to severe persecution their testimony continued, and indeed experienced a considerable revival in the years immediately preceding the Reformation of the 16th Century which must be considered as a direct, though delayed, result of the work of this great man.

Without any doubt it was the translation and circulation of the Scriptures that ensured the permanence of his work.

Nearly another hundred and fifty years passed before the full light of the Reformation dawned upon the dark land of England and once more the revival came as a result of the translation and circulation of the Scriptures, this time mightily aided by the invention of printing.

We must pass over the preparatory work of such men as Erasmus and Colet, both lovers of the Scriptures who deplored the spiritual evils of the times, to refer to that great day on which the Reformation really began.

This brings us to Martin Luther and Reformation Day in 1517:

On 31st October 1517 a young German monk, Martin Luther by name, nailed to the church door at Wittenberg a thesis or manifesto which set forth, under ninety-five headings, the evangelical truths which were the basis of the Reformation on the continent of Europe. Fourteen years before, a Latin Bible had come into Luther's hands and this had been his constant study. After years of earnest seeking, the light broke into his soul as, one day, while toiling up the Pilate staircase in Rome, there came to him, as from a living voice, the words thrice repeated in the Scriptures "The just shall live by faith," and a revelation was given to him that it is not by works of righteousness that we can do, that man can get right with God but by faith in Jesus Christ alone.



Like the Apostle Paul, Luther was a "chosen vessel," prepared for the great work of leading multitudes of people into the glorious light of the Gospel, and like Paul also, as a servant of Jesus Christ, he had to learn what great things he must suffer for His name's sake.

The nailing of this manifesto to the door at Wittenberg and the tremendous awakening which it caused throughout Europe set the Reformation in motion. The days were like those after Pentecost, everywhere the topic of conversation was the free salvation that there is for sinners through faith in Christ. Believers who, justified by faith, had found peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, could not be restrained from telling to others their joy in so great a Saviour and such great salvation.

So, after Luther's challenge, the Reformation quickly spread to England and other parts of Europe, because, as we have noted, a work of preparation had begun over 100 years before, so the ground work was well underway. Again, quoting "The Reformer":



In England, God was preparing another man through whose self-denying labours the light of the glorious Gospel of God was to shine into the hearts of multitudes of the people in our land, with the same blessed results as on the continent of Europe.

This was William Tyndale, graduate of Oxford University, who afterwards spent some years at Cambridge, where in all probability he met such men as Thomas Bilney, Hugh Latimer, and Thomas Cranmer, all of whom later gave their lives for the faith. Tyndale having been brought into the light, yearned and subsequently diligently laboured to give to the "common people" the Holy Scriptures in their own tongue. "If God spare my life,

ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture than thou dost," he had said to an opposing priest before he had started his great work of the translation of the Scriptures. "I had perceived," he wrote, "that it was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth except the Scriptures were laid before their eyes."

So Tyndale applied himself diligently to his great task, first at Little Sodbury near Bristol, then in London, until he was compelled to leave the country to avoid arrest. The work was continued at Hamburg, then at Wittenberg, where he had fellowship with the great Luther, from whom doubtless he received much wise counsel. From Wittenberg he went to Cologne, and afterwards to Worms, where he finished the first edition of his translation of the New Testament, and in the year 1525, the first copies were being sent to England. The opposition was great and all kinds of contrivances had to be adopted to smuggle his Bible into the country. The persevering Tyndale surmounted all difficulties, and through the east coast ports thousands of copies of the Scriptures found their way into English homes in all parts of the land and were eagerly read.

Later Tyndale commenced the translation of the Old Testament but was not permitted to complete this work. This great and good man on whose translation of the Scriptures our Authorised Version is largely based and through whom hundreds of thousands of our countrymen and women were

brought into the light of the knowledge of God, died a martyr's death at Vilvorde, near Brussels, his body being burned to ashes after he had first been strangled. His prayer as he was being put to death was, "Lord, open Thou the eyes of the King of England". This was wonderfully answered when, three years later, Henry VIII ordered an English Bible to be placed in every parish church for the people to read, a thing that would have seemed impossible at the time of Tyndale's death.

Consider for one moment how inestimably precious is this gift of the Scriptures in our native tongue procured for us at such tremendous cost. The Roman Catholic Church is wise from the point of view of its politico-religious system to withhold the Bible from the people. Roman Catholicism can no more live in the light of Bible truth than darkness can remain where light is shining.

The forces liberated by the Reformation affected not only the Church but also the State. Many Englishmen objected to the constant interference of the Popes in the affairs of the State, and still more grudged the immense sums of money annually taken by the Church from the people. It is estimated that one-third of the whole wealth of the country at this time was in the hands of the Church.

*Time doesn't permit us to continue the story, but let me add at this point – please take seriously, the work of **The Protestant Alliance**. It is perhaps **THE FOREMOST CHAMPION OF PROTESTANT HISTORY (ACCURATELY AND FAITHFULLY PRESERVED) IN THE WORLD TODAY!** This is why we as a Church, promote and support it. There are few other institutions in the world, that are of world-wide significance, worthy of the support of genuine Protestant and Reformed Churches. The Trinitarian Bible Society stands equal to it, in that TBS maintains the very Words of God in "Protestant or uncorrupted translations" of the Scriptures, which in English, is only the Authorised or King James Version. We likewise promote and support TBS as a genuine Protestant and Reformed work.*

Well, there we have the most basic facts about the Protestant Reformation, and what is called 'Reformation Day'. Let us now deal with the Spiritual Truth undergirding this glorious history and revival of the Christian Church.

SECONDLY, WHAT IS REFORMATION? *Reformation is REFORM, OR CHANGE FOR THE BETTER. It is the RECOVERY of something which has been lost or forsaken. The Protestant Reformation was essentially, the recovery of the Scriptures and the precious sound doctrine contained in them, resulting in the reform of visible Christianity, and even the world. It is only by the Protestant Reformation, that the world has been given the Word of God in the common languages of many nations and peoples. The Church of Rome had forbidden translation of the Bible, preaching, teaching, or any kind of witness to Scripture, in a language the people understood. Under the guise of 'holiness' or 'sacredness', the Scriptures (or at least Rome's version of them) were maintained in Latin only, and forbidden to the common people. Those who disobeyed were tortured and murdered. **Foxes Book of Martyrs** gives a concise history of the persecutions of the Church. Every Christian home should have a copy of Foxes Book of Martyrs. There was deep darkness upon a world ruled by Popery, which desperately needed the light of the Word of God. These historical facts, like the Reformation itself, are forgotten by most Churches and believers today, or even considered unimportant – and what is even more alarming, the very Bible itself, recovered and printed by the Reformers for us, has since been forsaken, by most 'churches' and professing Christians today! Well, that explains 'Reformation' – the godly change wrought, by giving attention to God's written Word.*

THIRDLY, WHAT IS PROTESTANT REFORMATION? *Here is the great reason to keep the history – just read the historical facts, and you know what the Protestant Reformation was all about, because those Reformers suffered and died, to give us the Protestant and Reformed heritage we have to this day, i.e. based on Scripture alone. However, that heritage has gradually been lost and forsaken again, although it is still written in the Church Confessions,*

and the national Constitutions and laws of Christian nations. But to get right to the bottom of this question, “What is the Protestant Reformation?”, we need to research a little further:

FOURTHLY, THE REFORMATION DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BUT OUTSIDE IT – BECAUSE REFORM ALWAYS REQUIRES SEPARATION.

*The Bible doesn't teach us to continually bear with people or churches that teach error, but rather commands us to separate from them: **2 Corinthians 6, 14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?** 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,** 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO GO TO GREAT DEPTHS OF STUDY. LET US SIMPLY NOTE THAT WE ARE REQUIRED, BY SCRIPTURE, TO SEPARATE FROM ALL ERROR AND ALL EVIL. THE ROMAN CHURCH IS NOT 'CHRISTIAN' AT ALL – it is raw Paganism with a deceptive veneer of Christianity over it. THE 'MASS' IS NOT THE LORD'S SUPPER! It is the idolatrous, superstitious worship of a wafer, claiming that, by the priest's blessing, it has become the actual body of Christ, and it is held up in a sunburst monstrance, to be literally worshipped – this idolatry, this 'Mass', is the most central aspect of Roman Catholic worship. No defence can be given for such blasphemy, based on the worship of Baal, the Sun God. Hence, all Christians are bound, by the Word of God and conscience, to separate themselves entirely from the Church of Rome and its idolatrous worship.** It is worth noting, that many Reformers, men, women, and children, were burnt alive, or otherwise murdered, for merely speaking against the Mass. **There is no room for dissent from Popery. Popery rules the world, and if you oppose it, you are marked for destruction, one way or another – this is still true today – e.g. The same Popish “beast” today cunningly tries to eliminate all who reject its vaccine, which is not about disease and immunisation, but about total control and oppression. Nothing has changed in over 1,000 years, only the methods. And due to the enormous and accelerated falling away, over the past 100 years, we have further obligation today, not only to separate from Rome herself, but from those who refuse to separate from Rome, as well – e.g. there are people who call themselves 'Reformed' and 'Protestant', who allow 'Christmas' as a Christian celebration, yet they know the tradition came from Rome, not from Scripture! Unlike true Reformers, their rule is not 'Scripture alone' – and unless we separate from them as well, we are back on the broad Road to Rome ourselves!

FIFTHLY, WHAT IS A PROTESTANT & REFORMED CHURCH? It is a Church which is true to the principles (doctrines, or truths) that all the first Protestants & Reformers fought for and risked everything for – i.e. A CHURCH WHICH IS TRUE TO SCRIPTURE, NOT TRADITION.

For Luther, the 'last straw' was the 'sale of indulgences', whereby the Vatican was bleeding all the poor and common citizens of Europe, to line its coffers and build its grandiose monuments to idolatry. (Paying money for the salvation of souls, including already departed loved ones – they still do it today!!!). A similar plague has returned upon the whole world today – while non-Catholics may not be paying for their salvation, they are being made to pay, to the same Vatican, for their very survival, as Popery cripples all nations, with taxes, international agreements & treaties, international banks, criminal cartels, that run the biggest

businesses world-wide: pharmaceuticals, food supplies, minerals, you name it – we are being crippled by John Howard’s ‘level playing field’, it is all UPHILL! We are being fed poisons under the guise of foods and medicines; nations and individuals are being driven into debt and bankrupted, and all this, without even considering the religious world! In religion, there is every flavour, and every malpractice known to man, all fostered by Popery, including Islam, Judaism, Paganism and Witchcraft – all abomination to God, but all legitimate ‘religion’ now, protected by law in all the nations, and falsely claimed by our own lying government, to be protected by our Constitution! In short, we ought to be every bit as offended and enraged as Martin Luther was in his day, at the vile abuses of people and nations, by the Church of Rome and every evil institution it fosters, supports and protects!

*Luther and other Protestant Reformers went on to expound all the essential doctrines of the “faith which was once delivered to the saints”, although **the first doctrine to break the Reformation ground was the most essential – ‘Justification by faith, not by works’.** In this, Luther found eternal salvation, and was driven by the call of God, to bring it to the world, a world which was drowning in the Papal Antichrist’s lie, of working and suffering for salvation.*

IN SHORT, A PROTESTANT AND REFORMED CHURCH IS ONE WHICH NEVER CEASES TO PROTEST AGAINST ALL EVILS AND ALL LIES, ESPECIALLY RELIGIOUS ONES, AND IS REFORMING ITSELF TO CONFORM WITH SCRIPTURE, AND GOD WILLING, REFORMING THE WORLD AS WELL.

Church history is nearly as important as Scripture, because Reformation history gave us Scripture when Popery had forbidden it. History shows us the fulfilment and application of Scripture as well. Let us thank God for this glorious history, and let us turn again to the Scriptures.

REFORMED & PROTESTANT CHURCHES ARE BASED ON SCRIPTURE ALONE, I.E. ON ITS FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS OR DOCTRINES. *In other words, ‘Reformed and Protestant’, (or ‘Calvinistic’, if you like), are merely terms to describe what Biblical Christianity is. Each aspect of Reformed doctrine is a subject in itself, but let us just briefly state the most important points (and I trust that this might serve as a good summary, which we can refer back to, and pass on to others who may be interested):*

1. THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE (OR, ‘JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH’, OR ‘THE FIVE SOLAS’). *It was Martin Luther himself, who penned the ‘five solas’ (‘sola’ is the Latin word for ‘only’ or ‘alone’) – The five solas are so fundamental to sound doctrine, that I have, for many years, emblazoned them on our own Church letterhead and documents, including our weekly bulletin: “**Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, and all to the glory of God alone.**”*

Here are some Scriptures which show that this is no mere slogan, but clear Bible doctrine:
John 8: 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. **27 My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, and they follow me: **28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **(This is sovereign grace. Only Christ’s sheep can hear Him! And it is Christ alone they must hear, to be saved. “They shall never perish”!)**

Ephesians 2: 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast. **(Saved by grace alone, through faith alone, not by works! The opposite of Rome’s false gospel!)**

2 Timothy 3: 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (*God gave us Scripture alone, nothing else, from which to be taught and corrected! So, when you are impressed by a video or sermon, consider one thing – Does it agree with Scripture?*)

Isaiah 43: 11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me *there is no saviour. (Salvation is all God’s work, not man’s! The glory is all to God alone! He is our Saviour!)*

When Popery, and its friends of all flavours, try to add to the simplicity of this doctrine, or deny any words of Scripture, or add to it, or introduce men’s opinions and philosophies, they show that they are enemies of Christ, for all things are about Christ, and Christ alone: He said (John 5:39) that the Scriptures speak of Him. This is reinforced by Colossians 1, 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even the forgiveness of sins: 15* Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: **16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (All creation & all Scripture are about Christ – by Him and for Him!)* **17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. **18** And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the **preeminence**.

2. THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

- **THE ORIGIN OF SCRIPTURE** – (**2 Timothy 3:16** above). *It is from God, not man. Because it is from God, every Word of Scripture is to be received with due reverence.*

- **THE PRESERVATION OF SCRIPTURE** – **Isaiah 59:21**, my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever. (*Contrary to what modern scholars tell you, as they unearth more and more manuscripts, the Words of God were NEVER LOST, because God promised to preserve them!*)

Psalms 12:6-7, **6** The words of the LORD are **pure words:** as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7** **Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.**

No honest man can believe that modern, ongoing changes to the Scriptures, and Popery’s many and varied versions, are what the Lord spoke of here as His “pure words”, “kept” “for ever”! Christ said, according to Matthew 4:4, as He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. But without the preservation of every Word of Scripture, as God promised by His prophets, obedience to Christ’s command to live by every Word, is not even possible! Thank God, that following Christ is not chasing a flickering will-o’-the-wisp, but simply opening the same, tried and true Book, that God has given to His people in every generation!

- **THE IDENTIFICATION OF SCRIPTURE** – as we have noted, the Church throughout her history, has, (as promised by God, and attested by the prophets), by the grace of God, kept and preserved the Words of those 66 inspired Books, as found in the Protestant Bible, excluding Popery’s spurious writings (a.k.a. Apocrypha), and faithfully translated them into various languages, the thread of which can be followed, and has been followed and kept, by the Church, all the way back to their origins. **In the English language, only the King James Version (including its forerunner, the Geneva Bible), represents those preserved Words, all based on the work of Erasmus and Tyndale.** And the spiritual reality is, that when believers read the Scriptures, they have the witness of the Spirit of Christ within them, that

*this is God's eternal Truth. So, the Scriptures are identified and kept, by those who believe them. **The awful thing today, with the resurgence of Popery's stranglehold on everything, is that the witness of the Spirit within God's people has been quenched by the use of fake Bibles.** Modern pastors, even university professors, are oblivious to the multitude of contradictions in their so-called improved versions! Where is the Spirit of Christ within them, guiding them into all truth (even most basic truth)? But truly Reformed Churches do not accept that the Scriptures are evolving – they know (from Scripture itself!) that every jot and tittle was inspired by God, and kept by God, according to His promises. And they know that one Bible stands head and shoulders above all the rest, because only one Bible was recovered and preserved through the Protestant Reformation, and has not been tampered with by the Church of Rome. Hence, for 400 years, no book on earth is more hated and ridiculed than the King James Bible! They tried to blow it up with gunpowder in 1605, before it even got to print! Thank God, they failed!*

3. **THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH**

- **THE DEFINITION OF THE CHURCH – EPHESIANS 1,**

15 Wherefore I also, **after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,**

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power **to us-ward who believe,** according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, **when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly places,**

21 **Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,** and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 **And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,**

23 **Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.**

*The definition of the Church is: believers, (and their families), in the Lord Jesus Christ, who confess that “Jesus is THE LORD”, just as He is presented in Scripture, and Ephesians 1 sums it up well. If we **believe** accordingly, and we **love** those who likewise believe, then that is cause for rejoicing, as the apostle says.*

- **THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH**

➤ **There is one Head of the Church – Christ only, as we have read in Colossians 1, he is the head of the body, the church. Likewise in Ephesians 1.**

➤ **Men are forbidden by the Head of the Church, to take upon themselves His titles. Matthew 23, 8** But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.** 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

Job understood this, centuries before Christ! Job 32, 21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give **flattering titles** unto man. 22 For I know not to give **flattering titles**; *in so doing* my maker would soon take me away. (**N.B. These two**

mentions of “flattering titles”, the only two such warnings in the Old Testament, are removed from modern Popish ‘Bibles’ – including the NKJV!)

There is only one Head of the Church, and it is not that impostor, the Pope – he is a liar and the very Antichrist, as all the Reformed Churches have agreed. But Luther’s Reformation has been overthrown in 500 years, by those cowards, and yes-men, and unbelievers, who are leaders of all the major ‘Churches’, who don’t have the guts to call the Pope what he is – The very Antichrist. The last man to do so, on the world stage, was Ian Paisley, the last of the Reformers. He died in 2014 (7 years ago).

4. THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH’S MANDATE OR COMMISSION – Matthew 28,

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

SOME SAY THERE IS NO LOVE IN REFORMED Churches, but this is where the true love of God is really seen! The Church is commanded to teach all nations all God’s Truth, from Scripture alone, with persecution, and with Christ Himself as our Captain! That is the Church’s entire mandate! And in so teaching, we are to refute all errors and expose all heresy, by that same Book of God. May the Lord give us grace to do so, in a wicked, unbelieving, Christ-hating world, which is led astray by a wicked, unbelieving, Antichristian mixed multitude of churches!

So, we see that, by observing the Doctrine of Salvation by Grace Alone, the Doctrine of Scripture, the Doctrine of the Church and its Head, and the Doctrine of the Church’s Commission to Preach Christ to all nations, we have a definition of a Reformed and Protestant Church, and a basic explanation of what Reformation Day is all about.

Christ said (Matthew 24:5), Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. This speaks more of a long line of Popes, than anyone else! Where has the world seen a more arrogant and continual display of false Christs, than in the so-called ‘Bishop of Rome’? It is our duty to recognise them, expose them, and warn against them.

Today is the 504th anniversary of Luther’s challenge to Popery at Wittenberg, which led to the Protestant Reformation.

On this same day 4 years ago, after 500 years, the Reformation was reversed by all the major ‘Churches’ of the world, led (ironically) by the Lutheran World Federation, signing with Rome, a ‘Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification’, denying the very foundation Luther stood on, denying the Reformation, denying the grace of God, and instead, exalting the pride and works of evil men!

The Lutheran Church today is NO LONGER a Protestant & Reformed Church. The Anglican Church today is NO LONGER a Protestant & Reformed Church. Evangelical, Presbyterian and Charismatic/Pentecostal Churches today are NO LONGER Protestant & Reformed Churches – they are no longer Christian Churches! Shame on them, who have opposed the Scriptures, and led churches astray, denying the very existence of this line of false Christs!

God give us another Protestant Reformation, in the name of the King of kings, and for His glory alone! Amen.