

## Keep On Reforming! (Hebrews 13:7-9a)

Introduction: *A brief history lesson about Martin Luther & **The Reformation**...*

### I. THE REFORMATION IS BASED ON THREE KEY PRINCIPLES

#### A. Scripture alone (Hebrews 13:7)

1. Word-of-God-leaders are worth remembering!
2. Sadly, to many spiritual leaders today have forgotten God's Word
3. O Lord, keep us **reforming**, guided by Scripture alone

#### B. Faith alone (Hebrews 13:7)

1. The faith of those true to God's word is worth imitating!
2. Faith is not a 'happy thought', but strong trust in Jesus (v.8)
3. O Lord, keep us **reforming**, living by Faith alone

#### C. Grace alone (Hebrews 13:9)

1. There are many *strange teachings today*
2. They lead us away from God's grace & toward destruction
3. O Lord, keep us **reforming**, trusting Your Grace alone

### II. SCRIPTURE, FAITH & GRACE ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CHURCH & FAITH

- A. They are under attack today by many opponents of Jesus
- B. They are worth defending in our homes, churches & our own hearts
- C. The need for a personal reformation is illustrated by the words of *an elderly Chinese Christian*...
- D. We trust not in ourselves, but only in Jesus our mighty Saviour so that this **reformation** continues today

Conclusion: We speak together the "Reformation theme song", written by Martin Luther – *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* [verse 2, on the screen]