

SERMON OUTLINE OCTOBER 25, 2015

“We Need Reforming!”

Hebrews 13:7-9a

INTRODUCTION: *My Doctor’s robes, a brief history 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, too many spiritual leaders have forgotten God’s Word
3. O Lord, keep **reforming** us, 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 is strong trust in Jesus (v.8)
3. O Lord, keep **reforming** us, 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 **reforming** us, 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 Luther’s “**Reformation theme song**”, --
A Mighty Fortress is Our God [LSB 656, v2, on screen & on back side of this handout.]



With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.