

“Who Cares about The Reformation?”

(Romans 3:21-24)

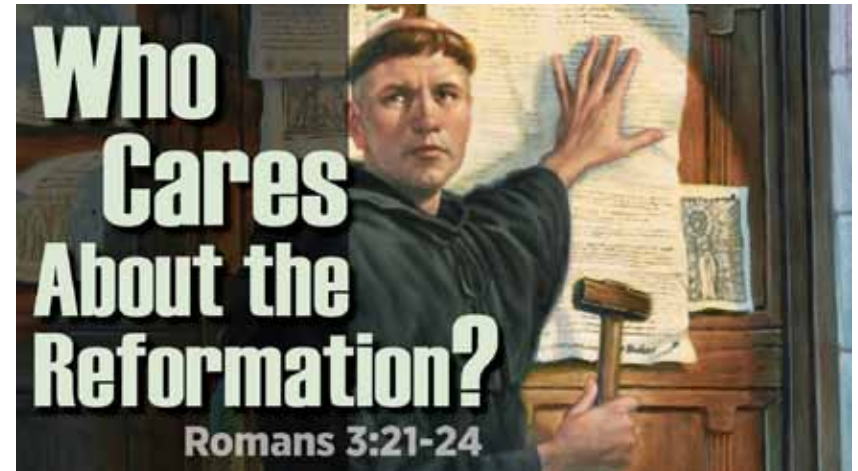
INTRODUCTION: *Martin Luther?*

500 years ago?

Who cares today?

I. AT FIRST GLANCE, WHO CARES ABOUT THE REFORMATION?

- A. People today aren't concerned about being right with God & certainty of heaven
- B. “Boredom” and entertainment seems to be the big concern
- C. We aren't asking the same questions Martin Luther asked
- D. There seems to be a “happy optimism” even about death (*Note: the famous newspaper drawing after the '911' terrorist attacks*)



II. BUT -- SIN & DEATH & ETERNITY ARE REAL & WE CARE ABOUT THE REFORMATION

- A. So says St. Paul in Romans 3:23
- B. This is also true due to the bad choices being made today in the modern church [**Note:** just one example: *the definition of marriage*)
- C. *The man whose church lost the Gospel of Jesus...*
- D. in the face of real people facing real death, the Reformation still matters (Romans 3:21-24)
- E. The Reformation continues to ask:
“*But what does God's Word say?!*”
- F. The Reformation's “big 3” –
FAITH alone, GRACE alone, SCRIPTURE alone

CONCLUSION: *At second glance, the '911' drawing had it right:
the nail pierced hands of Jesus makes it clear:
We still care about the Reformation!*