

Reformation Sunday

- Where does the Protestant Reformation fit into the history of the Church?
- What was the world like at the dawn of the Protestant Reformation?
- What happened in the Protestant Reformation?
- What did the Protestant Reformation lead to?
- What difference has the Protestant Reformation made?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. What was your church background like? Did your background have a positive or negative effect on you? Before the sermon did you have any knowledge of the Protestant Reformation and from where did that knowledge come?
2. As we learned Sunday the Protestant Reformation ignited because Martin Luther greatly feared God because he saw Him as entirely righteous. Do you view God to be holy, righteous? Have you ever considered that apart from Christ we are in our very nature offensive to God?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-9, when did you understand that salvation was not the result of your good deeds outweighing your sins but a gift to be received through faith in Christ alone as the Protestant Reformation teaches?
4. If works play no part in salvation, why should we be motivated to do good works? Do you see this as a weakness in the theology of the Protestant Reformation? If so, why?

Additional Resources:

Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church, Volume 7*

Roland Bainton, *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther*

Timothy George, *Theology of the Reformers*

Brad Gregory, *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society*

Diarmaid MacCulloch, *The Reformation: A History*

Stephen Nichols, *The Reformation*

Mike Jones, Church History Equipping Class: <http://subspla.sh/56edcc7>