



THE BOOK OF GENESIS

IN THE BEGINNING...

Bible study for the week starting October 29, 2023

SHARE

Reformation Sunday is NOT a Lutheran pep rally; it is a celebration of God's guidance of His Church through 2,000 years, and His correction/reformation of the church at different points along the way. If someone were to ask you what things you think God might want to reform in the Christian Church today, what might you say?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Genesis 10 and 11** (or just **Genesis 11:1-9**). What was the “prideful rebellion” of these post-flood people?
2. What complications did this confusion of languages cause, that we are still dealing with today? What universal languages help bridge some of these communication gaps (Pastor Eric's example: worship!)?
3. Read **Romans 1:8-17**. “The righteous shall live by faith” is one of the transformational truths of the reformation. It was true for Adam, Noah, Abraham, and all that have followed. How does Satan, the enemy, try to erode at that truth?
4. Read **John 3:17-21**. You, of course, know the verse that precedes these verses. How does our doctrine of justification by grace through faith deliver us from what happens in these verses, where evil people hate the light, because it exposes their evil?
5. God promised He'd never again bring a flood to destroy the earth, because – let's be honest – we probably would've deserved it again by now. What does He do instead, to accomplish His holy purposes?

PRAY

Thank God for His grace, and pray for your church and your part in it!



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Genesis 11:1-19

October 29, 2023 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

Why hasn't He come yet?! The answer is found in the CHARACTER of God (2 Peter 3:9-10).

It's not because He doesn't care about your SIN...

God said "FILL the earth," and they heard "let's STAY together."

Not everything is about YOU.

God has ways of MOVING people where He wants them to go.

Even when you choose the HARD way, God can still accomplish His purpose.

When we warrant DESTRUCTION, God is able to instead bring about REFORMATION.

The one and only UNIVERSAL language to which all Christians can cling: the GRACE and TRUTH of the Word of God.

"I did NOTHING; the Word did EVERYTHING." -Martin Luther

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum =
the Word of the Lord ENDURES FOREVER!

For next week, read Genesis 12:1-17:5.