



Remembering The Reformation 2025

Soli Deo Gloria
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I. Intro

A. Text: **Is. 2:10-17**

¹⁰ Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, From the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty. ¹¹ The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. ¹² For the day of the LORD of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up— And it shall be brought low— ¹³ Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan; ¹⁴ Upon all the high mountains, And upon all the hills that are lifted up; ¹⁵ Upon every high tower, And upon every fortified wall; ¹⁶ Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And upon all the beautiful sloops. ¹⁷ The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; The LORD alone will be exalted in that day (Is. 2:10-17)

B. 508 years ago, God initiated a revival (an awakening, a reformation) that was a protest of sorts.

1. The goal of this reformation was to call the Western Church to repentance.
2. As we look back at the Reformation, we can locate 5 key teachings.
3. The way of salvation is revealed:
 - a. Sola Scriptura
 - b. Sola Gratia
 - c. Sola Fide
 - d. Solus Christus:
 - e. Soli Deo Gloria

C. Glory

1. Glory: Splendor, brightness, brilliance, radiance. Intrinsic value, weight. Fame, honor, renown, loftiness.
2. YHWH is deeply concerned about His own glory.
 - a. **Is. 42:8**: “I am the Lord, that is my name; And My glory I will not give to another”

II. Body

A. Eschatology (the end times) has been strategically structured so that in the end, YHWH will get ALL the glory.

1. All of the prophets point to a Day when YHWH will receive what He so rightly deserves.
 - a. That day will be both Great and Terrible at the same time! (**Mal. 4:5**)
2. On That Day the glory of the Lord will be so overwhelming that men and women will flee, beg rocks and mountains to fall on them. (**Rev. 6:17**)
 - a. His glory will be unveiled, and all men will see Him as He is.
3. Every lofty look of man shall be brought low.

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- a. Every ounce of pride will be dashed to the ground.
4. The Lord alone will be exalted in that day. (**v. 11**)
 - a. He alone will get the glory.
 - b. Everything else has to bow.
5. Every Thing

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- a. Every tree. (**v. 13**)
 - b. Every mountain. (**v. 14**)
 - c. Every tower. (**v. 15**)
 - d. Every ship (**v. 16**)
 - e. Every human being. (**v. 17**)
6. YHWH will be seen by Everything as the Lofty One.

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- a. The loftiness of man will be made low.
 - b. YHWH alone will be exalted in that day.

**Eschatology (the end times) has been strategically structured so that in the end, YHWH will get ALL the glory.*

B. Soteriology (salvation) has been strategically structured so that in the end, YHWH will get all the glory.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

- 1. God designed salvation so that it is achieved by Grace Alone.
 - a. God did all the work.
 - b. Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone strips away every opportunity for man to boast in man.
- 2. God chose those who would serve Him in a way that brings about Soli Deo Gloria.

²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. (1 Cor. 1:27-29)

- a. God chose the weak things... weak folk... that which is low and despised.
- b. That no flesh should glory in His sight.
- c. God gets all the glory for our salvation (and He will not share one bit).

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. (Eph. 1:3-6)

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- d. The purpose of our salvation is to bring glory to God alone.

- 3. Logical Response to God's plan of salvation.

Oh, the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways are past finding out. (Rom. 11:33)

- a. No one has ever added an ounce of wisdom to God for his plan of salvation.
- b. All things are from Him, and through Him, and to Him.
(Rom. 11:36)

III. Conclusion

A. Scripture \Rightarrow Grace \Rightarrow Faith \Rightarrow Christ \Rightarrow Glory of God

- 1. From His grace...for His glory.

B. Salvation and Eschatology, have all been thoughtfully designed by God so that in the end.

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