

The Story Of Us

Part 3: Reformation & Restoration (Remember When We Regained Our Passion?)

INTRODUCTION – THE ISSUE OF AUTHORITY

Ephesians 2:19-22

Matthew 16:18 vs. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

QUESTIONS NEEDING ANSWERS

PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Q: What is God's final authority on earth?

A: *Sola Scriptura* = _____

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Q: How can we sinful people receive salvation?

A: *Sola Fida* = _____

Ephesians 2:8-10

Q: Who does God work through today?

A: *The _____ of All Believers*

1 Peter 2:9

RADICAL REFORMATION

Q: How does someone join the Church?

A: *Free choice, symbolized through _____.*

Acts 16:29-34

Q: What should be the relationship of Church and State?

A: _____-*Kingdom Theology*

Matthew 12:28; 1 Peter 2:9; John 18:36

Q: How should a believer in Jesus honour God?

A: S _____, P _____, & C _____.

**Matthew 6:19-35; Luke 14:25-35; Acts 4:32-35;
1 Timothy 6:6-8; Hebrews 13:5**

CONCLUSION – FROM REFORMATION TO REVIVAL

Psalms 85:6

Home Church Questions...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share the one thing that most encouraged or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. In light of passages like **Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; & 1 Peter 3:21** some groups teach that water baptism is a necessary step to receive the Holy Spirit for salvation. How do the following passages help us balance our view of baptism? a) **Acts 10:44-48**, b) **Acts 16:29-34**, c) **1 Corinthians 1:14-17**. ... Some people refer to **Acts 16:29-34** as evidence that they may have baptized infants in New Testament times. What about this passage makes this an unlikely concept.

3. Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17** where Paul talks about the authority and power of Scripture. a) In v. 16 Paul says Scripture is useful for 4 things. Give one example for each use of Scripture, from your own experience if possible. b) How does v. 17 support the concept of "*sola scriptura*"?

4. Based on **Genesis 15:6 & Ephesians 2:8-9** (etc.), some Christians teach that saving faith is a simple change in belief about Jesus which secures our salvation. How do the following verses help us balance our view of faith? a) **Ephesians 2:10**, b) **John 3:36**, c) **James 2:14-19**, d) **Hebrews 5:9**.

SO WHAT?...

5. How would you use **Ephesians 2:8-10** to explain to someone how the Christians message differs from any other religion? Role play if you have time.

6. Last week we discussed spiritual armor and what each of us could commit to doing in order to grow in the area of our weakest link. Talk about your experience this past week in that area.

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