

THE REFORMATION: WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Romans 12.1, 2

THE GOAL OF THEOLOGY

Romans 12.1, 2 gives us three commands, (present your bodies as a living sacrifice, don't be conformed to this world, and be transformed by the renewal of our mind) with two hopeful results (a life that is a gift of worship, and to discern and know the will of God). Paul shows us that the way we are transformed is *through* the renewal of the mind. In other words, the way we think and perceive.

The goal of theology is worship.  
-Philip Ryken

MARTIN LUTHER’S REFORMATION

Romans 1.16, 17

Martin Luther was a Catholic monk who began to understand and see the truth of Scripture differently than what was being taught in his day. On October 31, 1517, he sent a letter with 95 observations to his superiors in the Catholic Church. This event sparked what became known as the Reformation.

- **Around 1516:** Luther’s “Tower Experience” in Romans 1.16, 17
- **October 31, 1517:** Luther sends his admonitions about selling indulgences to his superiors in the Catholic Church
- **January 3, 1521:** Luther is excommunicated
- **April 16-18, 1521:** Diet of Worms; Luther does not recant his writings.
- **Post April 1521:** Luther escapes and hides, translates the bible into German, marries Katie von Bora, and lives 25 more years preaching the Gospel.

PERSONAL REFORMATION

You may not be battling a superpower church in need of reformation, but we are battling the superpower patterns of this world. As God’s people, we have a great privilege of having bibles in our homes and on our phones, and it is upon us to know what the bible reveals to us about the true God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With the right of private interpretation  
comes the sober responsibility of proper interpretation.  
-R.C. Sproul

We are constantly being conformed into the pattern of this world, and only through right interpretation of the Word and its power to renew our minds can we see real transformation happen in our lives.

John 17.17

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

In our children’s ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, we have classes for **newborns-5th grade**, along with a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walk-through of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty at Katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th-8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their class with their teacher and classmates for the rest of the service. Visit our website to read more about our Junior High Ministry and a walk-through of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school. Our **wid-week High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM**, here at Classical Academy in the Study Hall. For more info or questions about our student ministries, email **Casey Barnes at Casey@lifemission.tv**.



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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Romans 12.1, 2**. What stuck out to you in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

When you read the phrase, "pattern of the world," what kinds of patterns do you see that are constantly warring for us to be conformed to? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this verse give us as the strategy for having our lives transformed? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Psalms 37.4**. What does this passage tell us that happens when we delight ourselves in God? How does this relate to what Paul tells us in **Romans 12.1, 2**? \_\_\_\_\_

Now read **2 Peter 1.3, 4**. Peter says that God's power gives us "all things" as it comes to "life and godliness." What do you think that means? \_\_\_\_\_

If God is the one who supplies us with all that we need to live a godly life, what does Peter then say is the way that we receive this power? \_\_\_\_\_

Peter tells us that it is the *knowledge* of God and His precious and great promises. In other words, knowing with great detail who He is and what He has done is what gives us the power to live transformed lives of godliness. Now read **1 Peter 1.5-9**, and focus on **verses 8 and 9**. What does Peter say happens when we live in this knowledge? \_\_\_\_\_

And what does he say happens when we forget these promises and truths? \_\_\_\_\_

As we go into the next five weeks looking at these five pillars of the Reformation, pray that the knowledge of the great truths and promises of God would renew your minds. Spend time as a group asking God to prepare us for these next five weeks, that His truth, as Jesus prays, would sanctify and change us (**John 17.17**).



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