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"For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	Morning Service – 11am
Prelude	*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*
Call to Worship	Isaiah 42:5–13
Opening Hymn *	RHC 18 – *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*
Opening Prayer	Dn Jonathan Kim
Responsive Reading	Psalm 75
Second Hymn *	Psalm 75:1–4 *(To the tune of Manoah, RHC 17)*
Scriptural Text	Matthew 11:16–30
Pastoral Prayer	Dr David Allen
Sermon Message	***"A Rest Given and A Rest Found"***
Observation of Lord's Supper	Dr David Allen
Closing Hymn *	RHC 273 – *"Jesus, I Come"*
Benediction/3-Fold Amen *	Dr David Allen
Postlude	*The Lord Bless You*

**** Congregation Stands***

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord is in His holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 29

Q: How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

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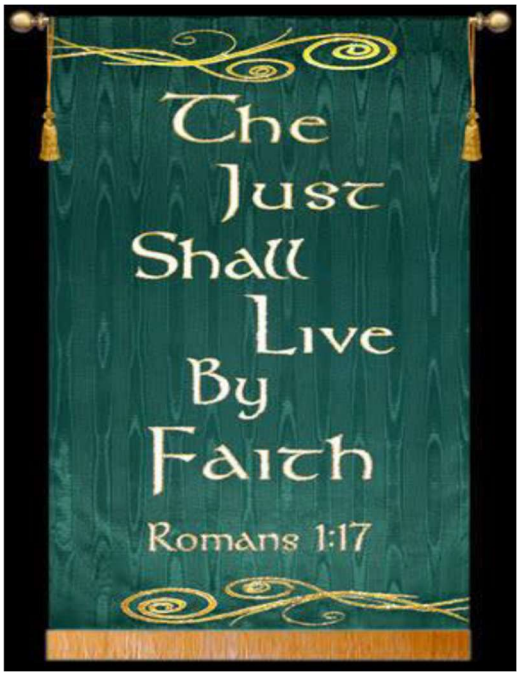
Having seen, in the previous questions, how salvation has been brought within our reach, we now come to learn the way in which we may become possessed of it. In this answer we are told, that while it is Christ who has purchased redemption for us, it is the Holy Spirit who puts us actually in possession of it.

Scriptural Reference:

John 16:13, Romans 8:14

Dear brethren, this week's article is part 1 of the article written by Rev Jack Sin taken from Sovereign Hope B-P Church's bulletin dated 25th October 2026. This is reproduced for our edification.

Reformation: Defined, Declared, Defended (Part 1)



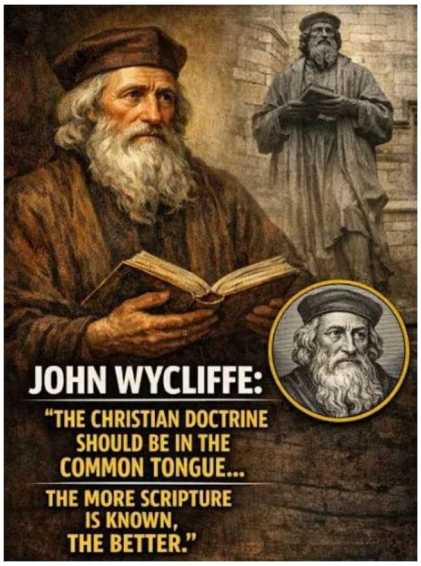
There is one historic event in human history that ought to be indelibly marked in the hearts of men especially redeemed men. After the 13th century Renaissance (temporally and not substantively) which brought about intellectual revival, one of the greatest upheavals in the history of Europe is the 16th century Protestant Reformation, **a religious awakening that profoundly alter the course of European history and the direction of the church today**. It came out of was a passionate cry for spiritual reforms from the depth of the souls of men that was long overdue. 1000 years of superstition, spiritual darkness and ignorance was a long wait and was put to an end, finally by the Almighty triune God.

The medieval church was powerless and spiritually bankrupt and was in desperate need of a spiritual overhaul. Ecclesiastical bureaucracy at the highest level had been exposed to be morally and ethically corrupt, doctrinally deficient (if not defective), spiritually wanting and inept. Scandalous deeds had plagued the church, and it has lost its spiritual vitality and moral strength. The people were craving for spiritual realities to satisfy their souls' hunger but the church in the Middle Ages was unable to supply that.

There was a pressing call to recapture the freshness and vitality of the Christian faith in all its fullness and wealth. To many sincere seekers of true religion, they want a reformation of doctrine based on the infallible truths in the Scriptures. The medieval church had lost their intellectual, spiritual and moral zest and the biblical principles that once governed the NT church. **There was a God given burden to rediscover distinctive religious concepts taken directly from holy Scripture** and not from lifeless church traditions, synods and councils made by men.

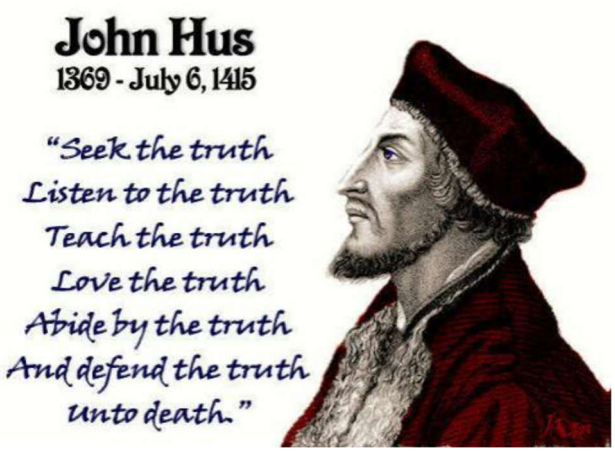
Definition of the Reformation

The thesaurus defined the Protestant Reformation as a religious movement of the 16th century that began as an attempt to reform the Roman Church and resulted in the creation of Protestant churches. It is noteworthy that the Reformation did not just happen without any signification in the 16th century. By the sovereign hand of God, it was brewing slowly over the past 2 centuries before even Martin Luther came on the scene.



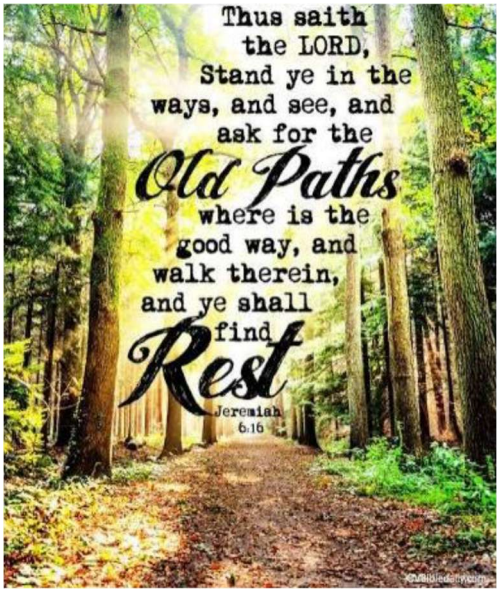
For instance, the English Reformation, the greatest revival of the church since the day of Pentecost has its roots in John Wycliffe's reforming work and his followers, the Lollards. The English Bible for the first time was translated and disseminated in England I n the 14th century and many ordinary Englishmen read it and were revived. They were forerunners of the Reformation in returning to the Scriptures and exposing the errors of the existing church, in indulgences (which are forgiveness tickets supposed to take the payee to heaven directly with his sins forgiven by the human head of the church) required of the

people, the mass with the teaching of transubstantiation, relics worship, the abuses and corruption of the clergy in the Roman church.



John Hus of Bohemia at the same time was relentlessly preaching the gospel and warning the people against serious erroneous practices and abuses in the Roman church, and the true nature of the church in the light of Scripture. He was martyred in 1415 at the kangaroo court in the Council of Constance and this fuelled the flames of revival and reformation in the present Czech Republic even further.

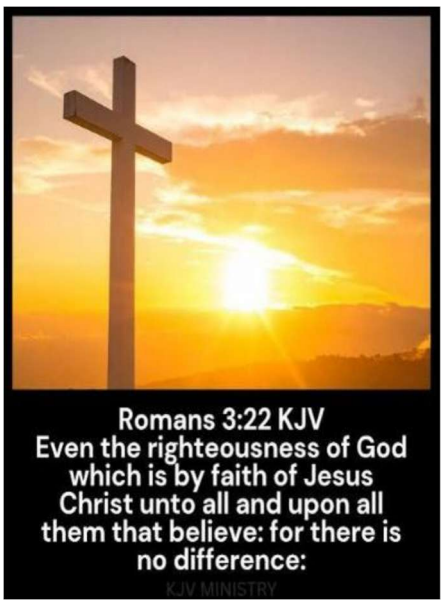
The Bible-centred Waldenses started by Peter Waldo In the 12th century in the Alps believed in obeying Christ and the Scriptures alone and not the authority of a man in Rome nor the traditions of a church. They provided a strong impetus and prelude to the 16th century awakening in Europe where it finally erupted. Others like Jerome of Prague and Savonarola of Florence stood against the excesses of the spiritually beleaguered Roman church in moral reforms and were martyred in the 15th century. The Brethren of the Common Life despite intense persecution from the medieval church contributed in their own ways to spiritual and moral transformation outside that church and revive the people with the word and sound morals. Cataclysmic religious changes came upon Europe in an unprecedented way, and it was convulsed with religious vigour in a life transforming proportion. **The Reformation had begun and was unstoppable as ordained in God's sovereignty and His own timing.**



Declaration of the Reformers

The fundamental convictions that motivated the magisterial Reformers was that true Christianity could best be restored and revived by returning to the scriptural beliefs and practices of the early church and the prophets of old. This means a challenge to the whole super structure of the bureaucratic and lifeless Roman church with its rituals, ceremonies, man-made rules and practices.

At the heart of this great spiritual concern was this question: **How can a sinful man be declared righteous, and made acceptable in the sight of a holy, righteous, just and angry God?**



Martin Luther, a regenerated German monk rediscovered 4 important precepts of the Holy Scripture:

1. The Righteousness of God
2. The Total Depravity and Wretchedness of Man
3. The Redemption Through Christ Alone
4. Justification by Faith & the Universal Priesthood of Believers

The first is a basic concept of biblical Soteriology that resonated throughout the Old and New Testaments. Christ is the only hope and source of salvation and not man, nor His works and nor that of others. The second concept was something that Luther had to grapple with in his soul's struggle. He realised that he is incapable of meeting the pre-requisite that God has set for everyone**.**

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WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon

We thank God for providing Dr David Allen to minister to us today.

Lord's Supper, 25 October – We will be observing the Lord's Supper today.

Next Sunday, Rev Brian Harper will be ministering to us. Pray for Rev and Mrs Harper's safe travel to the UK, they will arrive on Wednesday, 28 October.

Tithes & Offerings – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

Lunch Fellowship — Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

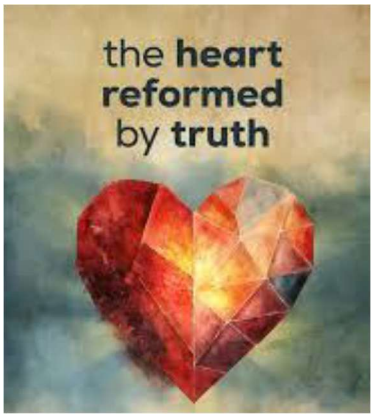
Afternoon Bible Study, 1:30pm – Dr Allen will conduct the study on the "Man's Total Inability to come to Christ, except the Father draw him" from John 6:37–44.

Children's Sunday School, 1:30pm – held at side hall & manse after Lunch Fellowship.

MEMORY VERSE

This Week	Last Week
"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." **Matthew 11:29**	*"My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live."* **Job 27:6**

The idea of the Righteousness of God and the depravity and sinfulness of man mean certain condemnation and punishment, and this disturbed the German reformer's soul greatly. He had no satisfactory answer from the established Roman church when he consulted the head of his monastery, Johann Staupitz.



It must be stated that Luther was not involved in an intellectual exercise for a theological journal but searching for the answers from Scriptures with a deep sense of personal struggle in the inner most being of his own soul. **The Heart of the Reformation was literally the Reformation of the Heart**. In 1519, Luther shared that initially he "hated" the phrase "the Righteousness of God" which means that if God is righteous, He must punish unrighteous sinners, and one has to be found to live a sinless and perfect life to escape this, but he failed. Finally, the answer came in a clear statement by the Apostle Paul in Rom 1:17 "*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith."* Peace and comfort flooded his soul and grace triumphed in his life from henceforth. **The depraved soul has hope finally in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone by the imputed Righteousness of Christ upon him.**

To be concluded next week…