

November 19, 2017  
*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Galatians; Romans 3

**“Why Dost Thou Protest?”**  
**“500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – Part Two”**

**Books:**

**“Why We’re Protestant: An Introduction to the Five Solas of the Reformation,”** by Nate Pickowicz.  
**“Long Before Luther: Tracing the Heart of the Gospel from Christ to the Reformation,”** by Nathan Busenitz

- I. Background – Reformation Questions:**
  - A. When did the Reformation begin? Was it October 31, 1517?**
  - B. What central issue sparked the Reformation? Was it “Justification by faith alone”?**
  - C. What famous writing sparked the Reformation? Was it Martin Luther’s 95 Theses?**
  - D. Did the Reformation represent something new?**
  - E. Was the Reformation really necessary?**
  
- II. Bible – Gospel Crisis:**
  - A. Galatians 1 – “Another” Gospel**

**B. Romans 3:21-31 – Justification by Faith Alone**

**So what? Five reasons you should study the Reformation:**

- 1. Power of the Word of God.**
- 2. Priesthood of the Believer.**
- 3. Concept of “Work.”**
- 4. Need for Courage.**
- 5. Clarification of the Gospel.**

## Discussion & Application:

1. Can you defend the “**Five Solas**” from Scripture?
  - a. Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)
  - b. Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)
  - c. Sola Fide (Faith Alone)
  - d. Solus Christus (Christ Alone)
  - e. Soli Deo Gloria (to the Glory of God Alone)
2. What does Galatians 1 warn about the content of the Gospel? What were the Galatians being told to “add” to faith in order to be saved? What are some things that false religions and cults add today? Is the word “alone” (in the Five Solas) really that big of a deal?
3. What does the word “**justification**” mean? How do Protestants and Catholics differ in their definition of this word? What is the difference between **justification** and **sanctification**? Read **1 John 5:11-13**. If your justification is dependent upon perfect sanctification, would these verses be true of anyone?
4. What does Roman Catholicism say must be added to faith in order to be justified?
5. What does Romans 1-3 tell us about man’s condition? Is man basically good? How sinful is man? Can man do something “good” to earn salvation?
6. What does the Bible tell us about how we are justified? Is it faith alone or faith plus?
  - Rom. 3:20, 28; 4:3, 5; 5:1
  - Gal. 3:24 (see also Eph. 2:8-9 and Titus 3:5)
  - Habakkuk 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38
7. Is this different than the way people were justified in the Old Testament? (See Romans 4 and Abraham)
8. But what about James 2:24, 26? Is James contradicting Paul? What key word in James 2:14 helps us understand the point James is making? Did the Reformers believe that genuine faith would ever be without works? What did they mean by, “We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone”? (See Eph. 2:8-10)
9. Do you know anyone who is caught up in a religious system that teaches they can be saved by anything other than faith alone? (Karma, good works, faith + works, etc.) Pray for them and then go share with them the Good News of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone for the glory of God alone.
10. **Take some Gospel Tracts home with you to give out to neighbors, friends, and co-workers. Pray for opportunities to tell them how you were justified by faith alone and that you know for sure that you will spend eternity in heaven because of Jesus.**