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Reformation Day is October 31, 2016

- 499th Anniversary of celebrated launch of the Reformation

Next year, 2017, is the historic 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's famous posting of his 95 Theses on the church door of the castle at Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517 !

America as founded was in great measure a fruit of the Christian Protestant Reformation !

How many Americans today understand that without the Reformation, there would not have been the 'America' that was Declared Independent in 1776, Constituted in 1788, with the Individual Rights of American citizens protected from the federal government by the Bill of Rights ratified in 1791 !!!???

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"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. In this sense and to this extent, our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

– Illinois State Supreme Court (*Richmond v. Moore*, 1883)

Protestant Reformation

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant_Reformation

Early Reformation in Germany

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant_Reformation#Early_Reformation_in_Germany

The Reformation was born of Luther's dual declaration – first, the discovering of Jesus and salvation by faith alone; and second, **identifying the papacy as the Antichrist**. [7]

The Reformers trumpeted two fundamental truths that changed Western Civilization and the World:

1) **Justification by Faith Alone; and**

2) **The Roman Catholic Papacy is the Antichrist of Biblical prophecy**

"Not only did the Reformers proclaim the mighty truth of **justification by faith** for the liberation of men's souls, but they nerved thousands to break from **the tyranny of the dark ages of the papacy by clearly identifying the antichrist of Bible prophecy**. The symbols of Daniel, Paul and John were applied with tremendous effect. The realization that the incriminating finger of prophecy rested squarely on **Rome** aroused the consciousness of Europe." [emphasis added]

Justification by Faith and the Identity of Antichrist

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[Excerpts, emphasis added]

Not only did the church of the **Reformation** come to a united understanding of **justification by faith**, but at the same time it came to a united understanding about **the identity of antichrist**. It is important, indeed most urgent, that we realize this relationship between the light on justification by faith and the identity of antichrist.

Now we do not contend that the Reformers were without fault in their theology. There were points on which they could not agree among themselves. But we had better give serious consideration to the points on which the evangelical church reached total and united agreement. Such unity is evidence of the Holy Spirit's endorsement. Says James Buchanan:

Few things in the history of the Church are more remarkable than the entire unanimity of the Reformers on the subject of a sinner's Justification before God . . . and can only be accounted for by ascribing it to a copious effusion of the Holy Spirit. James Buchanan, *The Doctrine of Justification* (republished London: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1961), pp. 165,166.

The same thing may be said about the Reformers' united testimony as to the identification of antichrist. With one united voice they said that the "man of sin" was the office of the papacy.

Nowadays many want to dismiss the Reformers' view of antichrist as mere "polemics of a bygone era." But it was not a matter of ill will in the midst of theological controversy. "This understanding of the position and function of the papacy became an important part of Luther's theology. It was not merely part of his polemic but apart from all personal animosity a sincere theological conviction." George W. Forell, *Faith Active in Love* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub. House, 1954), p.171. **Said Luther, "You must be armed with Scripture so that you cannot only call the pope the Anti-Christ but also know how to prove it so clearly that you could die with this conviction and stand against the devil in death."** Cited by Forell, *ibid*.

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To the Reformation church the papacy was the very antichrist, the prophesied "man of sin," because it committed the ultimate impiety by making war on justification by faith alone. Dr. F. Pieper expresses the view of the Reformation when he writes in *Christian Dogmatics*:

There can be no greater enemy of the Church of God than the Papacy. In and by the doctrine of justification the Church lives . . . Can anything worse befall the Church than being robbed of the doctrine of justification, by which alone she lives and exists? When the enemy takes my earthly life, he can do me no greater harm in earthly matters. And when the Pope has taken away the spiritual life of the Church by robbing her of the doctrine of justification, the climax of harm has been reached. (St. Louis: Concordia Pub. House, 1950), Vol.2, pp.553,554.

Said the renowned English expositor of the nineteenth century, Dr. H. Grattan Guinness:

From the first, and throughout, that movement [the Reformation] was energised and guided by the prophetic Word. Luther never felt strong and free to war against the papal apostasy till he recognised the pope as antichrist. It was then he burned the papal Bull. Knox's first sermon, the sermon which launched him on his mission as a Reformer, was on the prophecies concerning the Papacy. The Reformers embodied their interpretation of prophecy in their confessions of faith, and Calvin in his "Institutes". All the Reformers were unanimous in the matter . . . And their interpretation of these prophecies determined their reforming action . . . It nerved them to resist the claims of that apostate church to the uttermost. It made them martyrs, it sustained them at the stake. And the views of the Reformers were shared by thousands, by hundreds of thousands. They were adopted by princes and peoples... H. Grattan Guinness, *Romanism and the Reformation* (Toronto: S. R. Briggs, [n.d.]), pp.250-260.

The United Testimony of the Reformers as to the Identity of Antichrist

Let us now hear the **united testimony of the Reformers**, for their system of prophetic interpretation became **unchallenged in the Protestant movement for three hundred years** and actually became known as **"the Protestant system"** of prophetic interpretation.

Martin Luther ([1483-1546](#))

We are convinced that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist

D. Martin Luthers Werke, ed. Briefwechsel (Weimar, 1930-1948), Vol.2, p.167,
cited in *What Luther Says*, ed. Ewald M. Plass, Vol.1, p.34.

You should know that the pope is the real, true, final Antichrist, of whom the entire Scripture speaks, whom the Lord is beginning to consume with the spirit of His mouth and will very soon destroy and slay with the brightness of His coming, for which we are waiting.

D. Martin Luthers Werke, ed. Kritische Gesamtausgabe (Weimar, 1883-), Vol. 8, p.554., cited in Plass, *op. cit.*, Vol.1, pp.36, 37.

John Calvin ([1509-1564](#))

Daniel and Paul had predicted that **Antichrist** would sit in the temple of God. **The head of that cursed and abominable kingdom, in the Western church, we affirm to be the Pope.** When his seat is placed in the temple of God, it suggests, that his kingdom will be such, that **he will not abolish the name of Christ or the Church.** Hence it appears, that we by no means deny that church may exist, even under his tyranny; but he has profaned them by sacrilegious impiety, afflicted them by cruel despotism, corrupted and almost terminated their existence by false and pernicious doctrines; like poisonous potions, **in such churches, Christ lies half buried, the gospel is suppressed**, piety exterminated, and the worship of God almost abolished; in a word, they are altogether in such a state of confusion, that **they exhibit a picture of Babylon**, rather than of the holy city of God.

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960), Bk. 4, chap. 2, sec. 12.

Nicholas Ridley ([c. 1500-1555](#))

[Martyr, [burned at the stake](#), Oct 16, 1555 during reign of Roman Catholic Queen "Bloody" Mary]

The head, under Satan, of all mischief is Antichrist and his brood; and the same is he which is the Babylonical beast. The beast is he whereupon the whore sitteth. The whore is that city, saith John in plain words, which hath empire over the kings of the earth. This whore hath a golden cup of abominations in her hand, whereof she maketh to drink the kings of the earth, and of the wine of this harlot all nations hath drunk; yea, and kings of the earth have lain by this whore; and merchants of the earth, by virtue of her pleasant merchandise, have been made rich.

Now what city is there in the whole world, that when John wrote, ruled over the kings of the earth; or what city can be read of in any time, that of the city itself challenged the empire over the kings of the earth, but **only the city of Rome**, and that since the usurpation of that See hath grown to her full strength?

Nicholas Ridley, *A Piteous Lamentation of the Miserable Estate of the Church in England, in the Time of the Late Revolt from the Gospel*, in *Works*, p.53.

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Who is the Antichrist today?

The Antichrist and the Protestant Reformation

<http://www.who-is-the-antichrist-today.com/>

[Excerpt, emphasis added]

A Great Cloud of Witnesses: "John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer; in the seventeenth century, Bunyan, the translators of the King James Bible and the men who published the Westminster and Baptist confessions of Faith; Sir Isaac Newton, [scientist and theologian] John Wesley, Whitfield, Jonathan Edwards; and more recently Spurgeon, Bishop J.C. Ryle and Dr. Martin Lloyd-Jones; these men among countless others, **all saw the office of the Papacy as the antichrist.**"

Taken from *All Roads Lead to Rome*, by Michael de Semlyen. Dorchester House Publications, p. 205. 1991.

Christian forefathers who called the Roman Catholic Church Papacy Antichrist:

[Excerpts, emphasis added]

Martin Luther (Lutheran)

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/4fathers.htm>

"We here are of the conviction that the papacy is the seat of the true and real Antichrist...personally I declare that I owe the Pope no other obedience than that to Antichrist."

(Aug. 18, 1520) Taken from *The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers*, Vol. 2., pg. 121 by Froom.

(In response to a papal bull [official decree]): **"I despise and attack it, as impious, false... It is Christ Himself who is condemned therein... I rejoice in having to bear such ills for the best of causes. Already I feel greater liberty in my heart; for at last I know that the pope is antichrist, and that his throne is that of Satan himself."**

-- D'Aubigné, b.6, ch. 9.

John Wycliffe

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"When the western church was divided for about 40 years between **two rival popes**, one in Rome and the other in Avignon, France, each pope called the other pope antichrist - and John Wycliffe is reputed to have regarded them as both being right: **"two halves of Antichrist, making up the perfect Man of Sin between them."**

- LeRoy Edwin Froom, *The Prophetic Faith of our Fathers*, 4 vols. (Wash DC: Review and Herald publishing assc, 1950-1954)

John Calvin (Presbyterian)

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/4fathers.htm>

"Some persons think us too severe and censorious when **we call the Roman pontiff Antichrist**. But those who are of this opinion do not consider that they bring the same charge of presumption against Paul himself, after whom we speak and whose language we adopt... **I shall briefly show that (Paul's words in II Thess. 2) are not capable of any other interpretation than that which applies them to the Papacy."**

Taken from *Institutes* by John Calvin.

John Knox (Scotch Presbyterian)

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Knox wrote to abolish "that **tyranny** which **the pope** himself has for so many ages **exercised over the church**" and that **the pope should be recognized as "the very antichrist, and son of perdition, of whom Paul speaks."**

Taken from *The Zurich Letters*, pg. 199 by John Knox.

Thomas Cranmer (Anglican)

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"Whereof it followeth **Rome to be the seat of antichrist**, and **the pope to be very antichrist himself**. I could prove the same by many other scriptures, old writers, and strong reasons." (Referring to prophecies in Revelation and Daniel.) Taken from Works by Cranmer, Vol. 1, pp. 6-7.

Thomas Cranmer (Anglican)

Thomas Cranmer's last words of his last sermon immediately before being burned by Papists:

[Thomas Cranmer was England's Archbishop of Canterbury, martyred by burning at the stake, during the reign of the Roman Catholic Queen "Bloody" Mary, on March 21, 1556]

"And as for the pope, I refuse him as Christ's enemy, and Anti-christ, with all his false doctrine."

"Fox's Book of Martyrs - A History of the Lives Sufferings and Triumphant Deaths of the Early Christian and the Protestant Martyrs", by John Fox (or Foxe), edited by William Byron Forbush, D.D., 1926, p. 249

Roger Williams (First Baptist Pastor in America)

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He spoke of **the Pope** as "**the pretended Vicar of Christ on earth**, who sits as God over the Temple of God, exalting himself not only above all that is called God, but over the souls and consciences of all his vassals, yea over the Spirit of Christ, over the Holy Spirit, yea, and God himself...speaking against the God of heaven, thinking to change times and laws; but **he is the son of perdition (II Thess. 2).**"

Taken from The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers by Froom, Vol. 3, pg. 52.

Cotton Mather (Congregational Theologian)

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/4fathers.htm>

"The oracles of God foretold the rising of an **Antichrist** in the Christian Church: and in **the Pope of Rome**, all the characteristics of that **Antichrist** are so marvelously answered that if any who read the Scriptures do not see it, there is a marvelous blindness upon them."

Taken from The Fall of Babylon by Cotton Mather in Froom's book, The Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers, Vol. 3, pg. 113.

The Westminster Confession of Faith

http://www.reformed.org/documents/wcf_with_proofs/

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1689 London Baptist Confession

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/4fathers.htm>

Chapter 26: Of the Church. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; **neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.** (Colossians 1:18; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 4:11, 12; 2 Thessalonians 2:2-9)

John Wesley (Methodist)

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Speaking of **the Papacy** he said, "He is in an emphatical sense, **the Man of Sin**, as he increases all manner of sin above measure. And he is, too, properly styled **the Son of Perdition**, as he has caused the death of numberless multitudes, both of his opposers and followers... He it is...that exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped...claiming the highest power, and highest honour...claiming the prerogatives which belong to God alone." Taken from Antichrist and His Ten Kingdoms by John Wesley, pg. 110.

'The Papacy Is The AntiChrist' - A Demonstration

[http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2015-08-22-\(1888\)-The-Papacy-Is-The-AntiChrist'-A-Demonstration-Dr-J-A-Wylie-Protestant-minister-Free-Church-of-Scotland.pdf](http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2015-08-22-(1888)-The-Papacy-Is-The-AntiChrist'-A-Demonstration-Dr-J-A-Wylie-Protestant-minister-Free-Church-of-Scotland.pdf)

by Dr. J A Wylie, Protestant minister, Free Church of Scotland

52 pages

Preface - "We conclude, therefore, that if Jesus of Nazareth be the Christ, the Roman Papacy is the Antichrist."

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[e.g., **Popery's ecumenical and legislatively incremental perversion of the "Pro-Life Movement"**]

Chapter XVIII - "We do not hesitate to say, that we have nearly as full and convincing evidence that the Roman Papacy is the Antichrist, as we have that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ."

The Five Solas of the Reformation

A Brief Statement

Gregg Strawbridge, Ph.D.

<http://www.fivesolas.com/5solas.htm>

1. *Sola Scriptura: The Scripture Alone is the Standard*
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Roman Catholicism is NOT Biblical Christianity.
ROMAN CATHOLICISM IS A FALSE RELIGION.

March 22, 2012

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**Roman Catholicism is NOT
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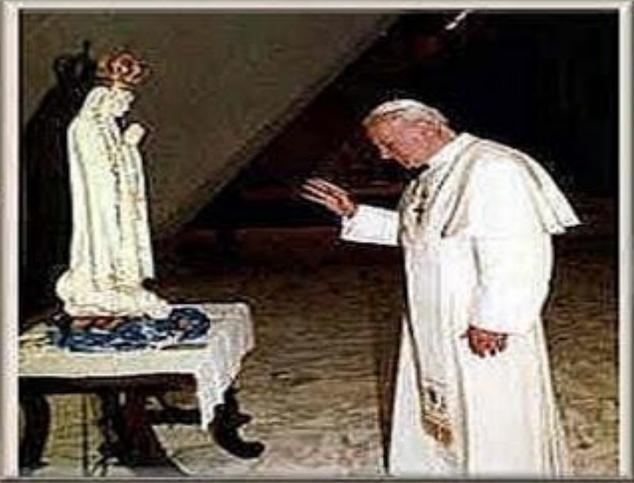
Five Reasons Why Roman Catholicism is not Biblical Christianity

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TRUE CHRISTIANITY vs ROMAN CATHOLICISM

<http://rainhadocanto10-evangelicalchristian.blogspot.com/>

How Do You Obtain Salvation?

Not By Peter		Not By Purgatory
Not By Mary		Not By A Rosary
Not By Works		Not By Pilgrimages
Not By Mass		Not By Law
Not By Sprinkling		Not By Poverty
Not By Church Attendance		Not By Meditation
Not By Tithing		Not By Catechisms
Not By Sabbath		Not By Candles
Not By Penance		Not By Holy Water
Not By Confession		Not By Incense
Not By Last Rites		Not By Water Baptism
		Not By Devotion To Icons

Not By Repentance Of Sins

**"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?
And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved..." Acts 16:30-31 KJV**

Presbyterian Church (Year 2000)

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/4fathers.htm>

[Edited, emphasis added]

The following Resolution was unanimously passed by the South Atlantic Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, March 25, 2000.

The Resolution is as follows-

THE THREAT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Whereas: The mass media has captivated the world with the activities of Pope John Paul II during his visit to the Holy Land in March 2000; and

Whereas: The Vatican and the Lutheran World Federation have signed, in October, 1999 a joint declaration of accord on the doctrine of justification (only the synods of Wisconsin and Missouri dissented); and

Whereas: In the middle of February, 2000 [], PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met with Pope John Paul II at the [V]atican to sign an agreement regarding the future of Jerusalem that warned Israel against any unilateral decision affecting Jerusalem; and

Whereas: Bob Jones University has been unjustly slandered for anti-catholic bias by Senators McCain, Torricelli, Hollings and the liberal mass media; and

Whereas: The House of Representatives of the U.S. Congress has just appointed a Roman Catholic priest as its chaplain for the first time, March 23, 2000; and

Whereas: Pope John Paul II has declared the year 2000 a "Great Jubilee Year" for Roman Catholics that establishes the restoration of indulgences, THE VERY ISSUE THAT PROMPTED MARTIN LUTHER TO DRAFT THE 95 THESES IN OCTOBER OF 1517: papal spokesman Timothy Shugrue states, "The indulgence is one of the spiritual [privileges] extended during Jubilee. It is a way of applying the merits of the good deeds of the saints and the Virgin Mary and Christ Himself to the rest of us.";

Therefore: The South Atlantic Presbytery of the Bible Presbyterian Church, at its spring meeting in the Bible Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, N.C., March 25, 2000, resolves and warns **the Roman Catholic Church, Mystery, Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth (Rev 17:5) constitutes the greatest threat to fundamental Christianity in the 21st century!** The Roman Catholic Church has long since forsaken the Bible alone, Grace alone, faith alone, and Christ alone. **There should be no confraternity with this apostate church** in ministerial associations, community easter sunrise services, Thanksgiving services, mass evangelism **or common social endeavors**. We admonish devout believers to lovingly and firmly win Roman Catholics to Christ and urge new converts to **obey Rev. 18:4, "And I heard a another voice from heaven, saying, come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sin, and that ye [receive] not her plagues."**

([Audio](#) / [Transcript](#)) Sermon:

"The [Anti-Christ] Pope and the Papacy" - John MacArthur, pastor

<http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/90-291/the-pope-and-the-papacy>

May 1, 2005

Excerpts [emphasis added]:

"In the long war on the truth, the most formidable, relentless and **deceptive enemy** has been **Roman Catholicism**. **It is an apostate, corrupt, heretical, false Christianity, it is [a front] for the kingdom of Satan**. The true church of the Lord Jesus Christ has always understood this. And even through the Dark Ages from 400 to 1500, prior to the Reformation, **genuine Christian believers set themselves apart from that system**, and were brutally punished and executed for their rejection of that system."

"The **Westminster Confession** was written in 1647, the Westminster Confession, the Confession of the **Reformers** says, "There is no other head of the church but the Lord Jesus Christ, nor can **the Pope of Rome** in any sense be head thereof, but **is that Antichrist**, that man of sin and son of perdition that exalted himself in the church against Christ and all that is called God."

<http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/90-291/the-pope-and-the-papacy>

From Columbia Christians for Life:

It would be well for every Bible-believing, born-again Christian, especially in ecumenized, Romanized, Jesuitized America, to hear this generally outstanding, very informative sermon by Dr. John MacArthur on the true nature of Roman Catholicism.

Roman Catholicism is not Biblical Christianity. Roman Catholicism is a false religion. As Dr. MacArthur said in his sermon, Roman Catholicism "is an apostate, corrupt, heretical, false Christianity, it is a front for the kingdom of Satan."

Unfortunately, as tremendously useful and edifying and well-researched and well-delivered as this sermon is, Dr. MacArthur quotes Scripture from the NASB Bible, which was translated from a corrupted underlying manuscript. The listener is encouraged to read Scriptures quoted from the King James Version, whose underlying manuscript is the Textus Receptus (NT) and Hebrew Masoretic Text (OT).

Books on Bible Versions

<http://chick.com/catalog/bibleversions.asp>

The Bible for Today

<http://www.biblefortoday.org/>

The Dean Burgon Society

<http://www.deanburgonsociety.org/>

(2010) Free Presbyterian Church: "The Papal Visit: Why We Oppose It" [Printed booklet]

Free Presbyterian Church (2010)

[**The Papal Visit: Why We Oppose It**](#) [Printed booklet - 16 pages]

(Pope Joseph Ratzinger, aka Benedict XVI visit to UK - England, Scotland)

The Papal Visit: *Why We Oppose It*

- The Man: Peter's Successor or Papal Usurper?
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<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/Free-Presbyterian-Church-2010-Great-Britain-Papal-Visit-Why-We-Oppose-It.pdf>
