



CELEBRATING THE 500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY **Concordia University, Nebraska**

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ! [Romans 5:1]

“REFORMATION MISSION: Called to boast in Him”

I Corinthians 1:26-31

IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT YOU ARE IN JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS BECOME FOR US WISDOM FROM GOD, THAT IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOLINESS, AND REDEMPTION, THEREFORE AS IT IS WRITTEN; "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD!"

REFORMATION TERMS.....GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE, SCRIPTURE ALONE, FREEDOM OF THE CHRISTIAN MAN, THE JUST WILL LIVE BY FAITH, VOCATION,

LUTHER – When even your religious works are not enough.....WHAT????

**Just live by faith...yes, its true, in Christ, its done
Liturgically – Faith towards God....fervent love to neighbor
Sacramentally Rec'd.....sacrificially delivered
Sacramental Gospel.....In Flesh....words, water, bread/wine...for you TO YOU**

REFORMATION THEMES AND THEIR IMPACT....TO CAPACITY, TENACITY, AND CANDOR FOR 21ST MISSION MINISTRY...

- **DEFINES CAPACITY – TO SHARE THE GOSPEL**
- **COMPELS TENACITY – TO HANG IN THERE WITH PEOPLE**
- **CREATES A CANDOR – TO SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE**

ULTIMATE REDISCOVERY OF WHO GOD IS FOR YOU...

I. LUTHER REFORMATION THEOLOGY....AS IT SPEAKS TO MISSION DEFINES CAPACITY... (Consider your calling!!)

- **Justification by Grace through FAITH in Jesus Christ ALONE!**
- **Confidence, capacity to do HIS WORK (NYC – when Christ is all you have, and Jesus is all you need....you become a very “dangerous” witness.**

CONSIDER YOUR CALLING....

CONCERNING CAPACITY...the issue of WHO CALLS; EQUIPS; SUSTAINS??

REFORMATION ANSWER....CHRIST ALONE, BY THE SPIRIT ALONE, SCRIPTURE ALONE, GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE

II. REFORMATION THEOLOGY COMPELS – TENACITY FOR MISSION (Motivation.....Direction!)

**WHO IS GOD FOR ME?? PSALM 23 – GOODNESS/MERCY CHASE DOWN!!
REVEL....In Christmas, in Good Friday, in Easter, in Ascension, in Pentecost!!)**

- A. Pro Nobis....FOR ME
- B. SC....revealed the God in Christ FOR ME
- C. Sacraments delivered Grace of God in Christ FOR ME

INTO THIS MIX....INTO THIS MISSION....WHO WOULD GO?

- THOSE WHO KNOW THE JESUS OF HEBREWS 12; PH.2
- THE STORY OF JOHN....
- VOCATIONAL MISSION???

***TENACITY TO GO...DAY AFTER DAY, NOT ROOTED IN HARVEST ALONE, BUT IN
THE JOY OF WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED...REFORMATION THEOLOGY
IN ACTION!!***

III. REFORMATION THEOLOGY CREATES CANDOR!

- A. 100% SINNER/SAINT – SPEAK AS.....SINNER/SAINT
 - a. Not anxious, not anxiety, not self focus...We're like you!!
 - b. Not afraid, not intimidated, or distant (Wall street etc)
- B. FREEDOM OF CHRISTIAN....Speak in FREEDOM From....For

**PUT CANDOR TO WORK FOR OTHERS.... “Speak the Truth in LOVE,
Understand and Apply HOW THE WORD WORKS.”**

- C. Speak with KNOWLEDGE OF HOW WORD WORKS...
 - a. LAW/GOSPEL
 - b. LAW KILLS, GOSPEL MAKES ALIVE

**THAT'S THE REFORMATION MISSION....THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF BOASTING IN
JESUS....SEEING WHAT OTHERS CAN BECOME IN HIS GRACE, LIVING LIFE IN
HIS MERCY, JUST BECAUSE THEY GOT TO KNOW AND BELIEVE IN HIM
BECAUSE THEY GOT TO KNOW YOU!!!!**