

The Oologah Informer
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Now THAT Is Scary!
Jack Williams

Did you know on October 31, Protestants celebrate Reformation Day? It is the day almost 500 years ago on which Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in Germany forever changing the landscape of the Western Church and the world. (From Yahoo News)

As I read the above quote in my Internet news, I must admit it was new information to me! I know of course what most people think of in relationship to October 31 – Halloween, children dressing up, passing out candy, and of course, scaring and being scared! But as I thought upon the above information about “Reformation Day” I found myself realizing that the really scary thing is not a jack-o-lantern, but the gullibility of so many religious folk in “the Western Church and the world”! “What is so scary about that?” you might ask. Consider this, the world has so many people that can follow a movement that is based on creeds, personalities and personal pleasure rather than the will of God. I suppose that shouldn’t shock me – the Lord Himself said that “many” would enter into such a realm, while “few” would find and follow the way that leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14). Paul even faced the same sort of mind-set in Galatia, where people unbelievably followed “another gospel” (Galatians 1:6-9). Of these people, Paul noted, “I am afraid of you” (Galatians 4:11). I am too! The idea that so many people can so easily be persuaded to follow a lie is shocking, but even more so when I realize that each of us is only a step of pride away from the same tragedy (1 Corinthians 10:12).

It is also scary to realize how foolish things can be so easily perpetrated upon “religious” folk. There are so many absurdities in denominational teaching, but what the article calls the “Five Solas of the Reformation” perhaps takes the prize!

The “Five Solas” listed are:

1. Sola Scriptura Scripture Alone
2. Sola Deo Gloria For The Glory of God Alone
3. Sola Christo By Christ’s Work Alone Are We Saved
4. Sola Gratio Salvation By Grace Alone
5. Sola Fide Justification by Faith Alone

Did you know that the Latin word “sola” means “alone” or “only” in English. With that in mind, can you help me to understand how there can be five “onlys” in regard to salvation?! If there is more than one, how can it be “only.” But even if someone has attributed five “solas” to the foundation of a religious movement, how can so many people follow such foolishness! Of course once again I realize that I should not be shocked by such. The Lord warned us that those who do not have a “love of the truth” will “believe a lie” (2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). For example, we have those today who would reject the “five solas” as foolish yet promote salvation by “faith only” when God specifically condemns such (James 2:24) or speak of many churches (denominations) when the Lord

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Decision Making
(Hebrews 5:14)

PM Sermon:

God & Man #3
“The Problem of Sin”

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do’s – Swearingen

taught there was but one church He built (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4). Now THAT is scary!

While these things are scary, I guess this can be a “good” fear in that it ought to cause us to take heed to ourselves. It gives a little more emphasis and urgency to the idea of being “noble” and searching the Scriptures as to the truthfulness of the claims of the religious world (Acts 17:11). Come to think of it, I hope each of us gets to be “very afraid” of the foolishness of denominationalism! Perhaps it will help each of us to be more zealous in taking the saving Gospel to a lost and dying world – a world that has fallen prey to the foolishness of man instead of humbling themselves before the wisdom of God.

Announcements

Family & Marriage Seminar

If you would like a copy of any of the lessons presented please sign the sheet in the foyer. DVDs & CDs will be made this week.

VBS Work Day

Our VBS work day will be June 8th.

Area-Wide Gospel Singing

There will be an area-wide gospel singing at Ramona on June 8th from 6-8pm.

Recent Prayer Requests

Shirley Lusk – Sister of Darla, had an infection and is now under hospice care.

Kenny (Patti Payne’s husband) – is having heart problems.

Daphne Miller – (the great granddaughter of Walter & Charlotte) is gaining weight and continues to improve.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Ruth Corbett

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith’s sister)

John Babb

Jerry Watson – has been responding well to treatments.

Kennedy Cox