

REFORMASIE 500



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Week 2: No works but Faith

500 jaar gelede was die kerk in groot moeilikheid! Mense het as gevolg van allerhande vreemde wanpraktyke nie meer die kerk en die kerkleiers vertrou nie. Mense was moeg vir tradisie en leë rituele en simbole. Die kerk het ook 'n baie klein verskil in hul lewens gemaak.

En daarteen het Martin Luther en ander kerkleiers van sy tyd opgestaan. Hulle verstaan van geloof, godsdiens en kerkwees is saamgevat in 5 kern punte (5 “*solas*” – Latyns vir alleen).

- **No rules but Grace** - Genade is verniet (*sola gratia*)
- **No work but Faith** - Geloof alleen red (*sola fidei*)
- **No one but Jesus** - Net Christus maak vry – (*solus Christos*)
- **No word but thy Word** - God se Woord leer ons die pad van redding – (*sola Scriptura*)
- **No silence just Worship** - Aan God al die eer – (*sola deo gloria*)

Elke week gaan ons een van hierdie sake in ons Bybelstudies deurwerk

Inleiding

- ❖ Kyk na video 2 en gesels oor wat julle getref het.
- ❖ Hoe dink jy kom 'n mens in God se goeie boekies?
- ❖ Wat is jou definisie van geloof (Gee vir elkeen kans om 'n definisie te gee)

Wat sê die Bybel?

- ❖ Lees **Romeine 3:21-28, Romeine 4:5, 13-14, 21-25**: Wat wil hierdie gedeelte vir ons leer oor God, oor hoe Hy werk en wat Hy doen?
- ❖ Keer op keer verklaar Paulus: “*As ek glo, word ek vrygespreek...*” Soek en lees weer elke vers wat die woord **vryspraak** in het. Die feit dat hierdie saak so baie keer hier voorkom en Paulus dit so baie herhaal, is omdat dit so 'n kern belangrik is.

- ❖ Wat dink julle is **die groot probleem met wetten en reëls** en waarom Jesus ook so baie in sy bediening die Fariseërs uitgedaag het oor hulle wettigheid?

Moontlike antwe: W&R kan nie liefde kweek nie, ek kan nie my vertrouwe plaas in my vermoë om W&R na te kom nie, ek gaan iewers opslip, ons fokus word later so sterk die W&R dat ons persoon daaragter mis, wetten maak nie vry nie.

- ❖ **Hoekom is vrypraak vir ons so 'n moeilike ding om te aanvaar en te gee?**
- ❖ Die woord geloof kom van 'n stam wat beteken *“om jou hart vir iemand te gee...”* En dit is tog die kernsaak in enige verhouding. Hoe word ons lief vir iemand, hoe word ons lief vir die Here?
- ❖ In **Romeine 4: 14 en 21** sê Paulus dat Abraham aan God se beloftes vasgehou het. Geloof beteken om te glo dat God sy beloftes gaan nakom. Ons kan God maar vertrou. Waar in jou lewe het God deurgekom? Aan watter beloftes van die Here hou jy op die oomblik vas?

'n Sendeling vra op 'n keer vir **moeder Theresa** om vir hom te bid vir duidelikheid om God se wil te ken. Haar antwoord was: **“No, I will not. I never had clarity, what I have is trust. So I will pray that you trust God.”**

Samevatting: Geloof volgens Romeine 3 en 4 is om te **glo dat God ons vryspreek**, om **Hom te vertrou en daarom ons harte vir Hom te gee**.

Saambid en Uitstuur

- ❖ Gee vir elkeen in die groep kans om een saak te noem waarmee hulle God wil vertrou vir vrypraak
- ❖ Maak 'n punt daarvan om vir God dankie te sê vir sy beloftes
- ❖ Laat elkeen sê wat hulle geleer het en wat hulle hierdie week anders gaan doen of wees.

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500 years ago the church was in big trouble! People lost their trust in the church and its leaders due to all kind of strange practises that got a foothold in church and religion. Tradition, empty rituals and symbols took centre stage. People's lives didn't change and they left the church. Martin Luther and other church leaders stood up against these mal-practices. To rectify this they tried to take people and the church back to its original design by emphasising the following 5 principles:

- **No rules but Grace** - Grace is a free gift (*sola gratia*)
- **No work but Faith** - Faith saves (*sola fidei*)
- **No one but Jesus** - Jesus Christ frees - (*solus Christos*)
- **No word but thy Word** - God's Word teaches the way to salvation - (*sola Scriptura*)
- **No silence just Worship** - All glory to God - (*sola deo gloria*)

Introduction

- ❖ Watch and discuss the second video of the series (*unfortunately only available in Afrikaans*)
- ❖ How do you please God?
- ❖ Give everyone in the group a chance to give their definition of faith.

Listen to the Word

- ❖ Read **Romans 3:21-28, Romans 4:4, 13-14, 21-25**: What does it teach about God, who He is and what He does?
- ❖ On quite a few occasions in these verses does Paul say: *"The righteous are saved by faith..."* Read every verse again that share this thought. Paul repeats it so often because it is that important.

- ❖ What do you think is the main problem with **rules and the law**? It is the same reason that Jesus challenged the Pharisees so often during his ministry on earth.

Possible answers: R&L don't grow love, I can't put my trust in my ability to follow R&L as I am going to fail somewhere, our focus can easily move away from Him behind it to the following of the R&L, R&L don't bring freedom

- ❖ **Why is it so difficult to accept God's forgiveness and his righteousness?**

- ❖ The word faith, comes from a meaning that connects with the idea “ *to give your heart to someone...*” In relationships nothing is more important than that! How do you come to love someone more, to love the Lord more?
- ❖ In **Romans 4: 14 and 21** Paul says that Abraham trusted God's promises. Faith is to trust God that He will do as He promised. Where in your life did the Lord come through, did you trust Him for something, did you take his Word? What promises are you currently holding onto?

A Missionary once asked mother Theresa to pray for him for clarity to discern God's will. She answered as follows: **“No, I will not. I never had clarity, what I have is trust. So I will pray that you trust God.”**

Conclusion: Faith, according to Romans 3 and 4 is to trust God's righteousness and his promises and to give your heart to Him.

Pray and Purpose

- ❖ Name one thing in your life that you are currently trusting God for.
- ❖ Thank God for his righteousness and promises
- ❖ What did you learn (one thing) and what is your challenge for the week (one thing)