

Sermon Outline – October 2, 2016

Reformation: Faith Alone

Genesis 15:1-6 Romans 5:1-6 John 3:16-18

1. Do you find yourself sometimes wanting there to be more to faith than just faith alone?
2. We are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone as revealed in God's Word alone and all to the glory of God alone.

3. What are some of the qualifiers that we sometimes want to attach to faith alone?

4. Where could one say the Reformation began? Romans 1:17

- How did the Reformation progress from 1517-1530?

- The Fourth Article of the Augsburg Confession (1530):

Our churches teach that we cannot be justified before God by our own strength, merits, or works but are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith when we believe that we are received into favor and that our sins are forgiven on account of Christ, who by his death made satisfaction for our sins. This faith God imputes for righteousness in his sight (Romans 3:4).

- What did Martin Luther say about the Fourth Article of the Augsburg Confession?

5. Where is salvation through faith alone found in the Bible?

6. What are questions and answers that may still swirl around in our minds about being saved through "faith alone"?

7. Next Step: