

Forgiveness Isn't Cheap

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Reformation Day (obs.)
28 October, A.D. 2018
Rev 14.6-7; Rom 3.19-28; Jn 8.31-36

Introduction

What is it the "free" stuff?

CCT: Christ's forgiveness was not _____. We were bought with a price; therefore, we _____ God with our lives.

The Work for Our Freedom

"Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:34-36, ESV)

What is He talking about there?

Romans 3:21-28 (ESV)

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—*

²² *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.*

For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ *and are justified by his grace as a gift,*

through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵ *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶ *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*



**Special Voters' Meeting
November 4, 2018
12:00pm in the Church**

AGENDA

Mission: Reaching, Serving & Growing Disciples

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Devotion
- C. Discussion and vote on how St. Paul's should move forward with music program for worship and school due to the retirement of Diane Bleke
- D. Adjournment
- E. Closing Prayer



Reformation
Tap Society

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Craft Beer
Friendly Conversation
Serious Theology

Third Sundays
5:00-7:00 pm

Each month, the brewmaster at BrewFinity Brewery will tell us about a new beer, which we will be able to sample. Afterwards, our presenters, with beer in hand and jolly in mood, will take the mic and give a conversational talk on a serious theological subject. We will then eat and chat amongst ourselves.



BrewFinity Brewery

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Sunday, November 18, 2018

What Makes a Man?
(And Why Women Need to Know)

Presenter: Rev. Lance O'Donnell, Oconomowoc, WI

5:00: Brewmaster -- 5:30: Presentation -- 6:15: Food & Fellowship

If you know you're coming (to plan for food), contact: Rev. Lance O'Donnell podonnell@splco.org or 262-567-5001.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Conclusion

What does it mean to “honor God with our lives?”

“The Benign Prerogative”

What is *mercy*?

What is *grace*?

How will *you* honor God with your life?

What do you do when you fail?

1 John 1:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Special Reformation Service

A Service of Prayer and Preaching, celebrating the glorious Christian truths of the 16th century Lutheran Reformation in Word and song, will be held at Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church on Sunday afternoon, October 28, at 3:00 p.m. The celebratory service will feature hymns, organ, handbells, brass, and choral music. The offering will be devoted to local disaster relief efforts undertaken by the District Office.

Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Wille,
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