

“Hid in My Heart (8): Moral Giants in a Land of Pygmies”

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Upon the 488th Anniversary of Martin Luther's 95 Theses

- *Is the Reformation Over?* by Mark Noll and Carolyn Nystrom (Baker, 2005)
 - ◆ “The Roman Catholic Church now articulates positions on salvation—even on justification by faith—that are closer to the main teachings of the sixteenth-century Protestant Reformation than are the beliefs of many Protestants, indeed, of many evangelical Protestants. Strange as it may seem to put it this way, the ECT documents present what can only be called a classically orthodox depiction of Christian salvation, primarily *because* they emphasize and build upon these official Catholic teachings.” (180)
 - ◆ “If it is true, as once was repeated frequently by Protestants conscious of their anchorage in Martin Luther or John Calvin that *iustificatio articulus stantis vel cadentis ecclesiae* (justification is the article on which the church stands or falls), then the Reformation is over.” (232)
 - ◆ Pope Benedict XVI on November 7, 2005, to a delegation of Lutheran clergy, headed by Rev Mark Hansen, president of the Lutheran World Federation, the largest union of Lutherans in the world: “As we prepare to mark the five-hundredth anniversary of the events of 1517, we should intensify our efforts to understand more deeply what we have in common and what divides us, as well as the gifts we have to offer each other. By persevering in this journey we pray that the face of Christ may shine ever more brightly in his disciples in order that all may be one so that the world may believe.” (www.zenit.org/english/visualizza.phtml?sid=79554)
- Daniel 3
 - ◆ The potentate from Babylon rises up and commands the world to worship his image—*it will happen again!*.
 - ◆ You will never stand _____ for something you don't have _____ .
 - Revelation 13:14, 15
 - “Thy word have I _____ in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11
 - The Protestant Reformation was ignited 488 years ago because somebody had the courage to stand up for the moral authority of _____ truth.
 - ◆ *The purpose of the _____ is to prepare you for the _____.*

- The great law of life: *In order to pass the _____ , you need to be passing the _____*
- *Desire of Ages 382: “ Day by day God instructs His children. By the circumstances of the daily life He is preparing them to act their part upon that wider stage to which His providence has appointed them. It is the issue of the _____ test that determines their victory or defeat in life's great crisis.”*
- ◆ Isaiah 43:2,3
- ◆ “You stand *for* _____ —I’ll stand *by* _____ .”
- A call for moral giants
 - ◆ *Great Controversy 204, 205: “In our time there is a wide departure from [the Scriptures’] doctrines and precepts, and there is need of a return to the great Protestant principle--the _____ , and the _____ only, as the rule of faith and duty. . . . The antichristian power which the protesters of Spire rejected is now with renewed vigor seeking to re-establish its lost supremacy. The same unswerving adherence to the word of God manifested at that crisis of the Reformation [by Luther and the German princes] is the only hope of reform today.”*
 - ◆ Because the Reformation must still go on . . . and moral giants must still stand up.
 - ◆ Frederick Faber:

Faith of our fathers! living still
 In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
 O how our hearts beat high with joy
 Whene’er we hear that glorious word.
 Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
 We will be true to thee till death.

up, down, hid, Bible, quiz, final, final, quizzes, daily, me, you, Bible, Bible