

Bible Study for Oct 19-25

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: Romans 3:19-28

Notes:

There are times when change is required in order to survive and grow. The last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday, remembering the words and actions of Martin Luther and other reformers. On this day we celebrate the power of God's grace to reform and reshape, guiding us to let fall those things that hinder God's message and embrace that which enhances God's message.

In this lesson, Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

We have been living in a pandemic time for 7 months now. How has your life been reshaped and reformed? If it all went away tomorrow, what would you gladly toss away? What would you joyfully keep?

Who was your favorite superstar as a child? What did you like about them?

Look up "justification", "redemption," and "atonement" in a dictionary. What everyday examples could you use to illustrate each word?

What do these words point out about the death of Christ?

How does this section break down barriers between Jew and Gentile?

How does your life in Christ reflect the three words above?

When did the message of God's loving grace become real to you? What impact is it having on your life right now?