**SERMON SHEET 10/30/22**

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #16”**

**Text: Romans 1:16-17**

I. Introduction

II. A historical reminder: Luther, the Reformer

III. A beautiful name: Jesus, our Righteousness

IV. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Martin Luther:

* *Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the oversight of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, & Lecturer on these subjects at Wittenberg.*

*Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally with us, may do so by letter. In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

* *Unless I am convinced by sacred Scripture or by evident reason, I will not recant. My conscience is held captive by the Word of God and to act against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand – I can do no other.*
* *When I learned that the righteousness of God is His mercy, and that He makes us righteous through it, a remedy was offered to me in my affliction*… *Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates*.

2. John MacArthur:

* *Justification is an act of God whereby He imputes [credits] to a believing sinner the full and perfect righteousness of Christ, forgiving the sinner of all unrighteousness, declaring him or her perfectly righteous in God’s sight, thus delivering the believer from all condemnation.*
* *On the cross God treated Jesus as if He had lived our lives with all our sin, so that God could then treat us as if we lived Christ’s life of pure holiness. Our iniquitous life was legally charged to Him on the cross as if He had lives it, so that His righteous life could be credited to us as if we had lived it.*

3. Tabletalk:

*Ultimately, the only garment that will keep us safe in the presence of God is the righteousness of Christ, His perfect obedience imputed to us in our justification by faith in Him alone. If we are trusting in anything else to be right before God, we will perish, but if we are resting in Jesus alone, His righteousness gives us eternal life.*

4. J. C. Ryle:

*The Lord Jesus Christ has done what we ought to have done and suffered what we ought to have suffered. He has taken our place and become our Substitute both in life and in death, and all for the sake of miserable, corrupt, ungrateful beings like ourselves. Oh, is not His name then rightly called, “The Lord our Righteousness”?*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **Ps. 110:2; Is. 45:7; Ps. 77:11-12**
* **1 Peter 1:22-23; 2 Thess. 2:13**
* **Jer. 23:5-6; Matt. 5:48**
* **John 6:44; Eph. 2:8; Rom. 4:3-5; Phil. 3:8-9**
* **Rom. 5:17, 19; 2 Cor. 5:21**