

— Matthew 7.24-27 —
Reformation 500 Sermon 2
The Core of the Reformation

Matthew 7.24 “Therefore whoever hears these words of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

* What was Luther facing when Emperor Charles V called upon him to retract his writings? What did Luther say?

* The Reformation at its core was about ...

* How does Jesus make this point in our text?

* What is the relationship between Christ's word and the Scriptures? (John 1.1-3, 14; Heb 1.1-3; John 8.56-58; 1Cor 10.4; 1Pet 1.11)

* How did Jesus quote and relate to Scripture?

– As a boy?

– During his temptation?

– On the cross?

– After his resurrection?

* What did the scribes and Pharisees effectively put on par with Scripture, and how did it subvert Scripture?

* From where did Jesus derive his material in the sermon on the mount?

* Any time God's people distance themselves from the Scriptures, they are ...

* What did the Pope and the Church of Rome put on par with Scripture?

* What was the Reformers' view of church authority?

* What was the Reformers' answer to the “divine right” of Popes and kings?

* What was the overarching fruit of the Reformation? Name three areas it came from.

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* Why is the Reformation still so relevant today?