

29 October 2017: Preached by Preacher Clement Chew

Topic: Reformation Combined Service: A 21st Century Reformation!

Scripture text: Galatians 1:6-10

1. The 16th Century Reformation was a battle for the Holy Scripture and its sound doctrines. By the mercies and grace of God, the Reformers of old brought the church back to the authority of Scripture and its biblical truths. The spirit of a Reformer should be to magnify God's truth and expose falsehood. The Bible also records the lives of Reformers – the prophets, Apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ for our learning.
2. The Apostle Paul was a Reformer in the 1st Century who fought against the falsehood of "another gospel". It is "another gospel" because the Judaizers wrongly teach that salvation is by faith in Christ coupled with the work of circumcision. The gospel of Christ reveals that justification is by faith alone, without the deeds of the law.
3. Apostle Paul saw the need for a Reformation because the salvation of souls were at stake. Those who preach and believe in "another gospel" are wholly devoted unto destruction. A Reformer must have a passion for souls and boldly preach against corruption in the church. The servant of Christ can be fearless in the work of the gospel because his allegiance is to Christ alone.
4. In the 21st Century, there is a necessity for the church to be always reforming through the faithful preaching, defending and holding forth of the Truth.