

The Reformation's Rich Soil

PSALM 71:8

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The Rich Soil of the New Testament

SOLA SCRIPTURA: The Scriptures stand alone as the final authority for salvation and a life pleasing to God.

"... your word is truth." John 17:17

SOLA GRATIA: The Good News that God has done His saving work for us and offered it as a free gift.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. Ephesians 2:8-9

SOLA FIDE: Salvation comes to man through faith in Christ alone, plus nothing!

For I am not ashamed of the gospel ... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17

SOLUS CHRISTUS: All that was necessary for my salvation was accomplished by Christ and Him alone.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

SOLI DEO GLORIA: God alone is due all glory for our salvation since it was accomplished by Him and to His glory.

... so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:12

The Strong Trunk of the Reformers

Martin Luther

GERMANY

We should always listen to our _____, which God uses to shape our lives from the inside out.

Ulrich Zwingli

SWITZERLAND

God's mercy and grace allow me to take off the backpack of _____ and release the burden of do's and don'ts.

John Calvin

SWITZERLAND/FRANCE

The local _____ preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ can and will change the world for the common good.

John Knox

SCOTLAND

As a Christian I should care about the soul of our great _____, and with prayerful hope believe in a better future in Christ.

William Tyndale

ENGLAND

There is a God-sized calling in each of us, a _____ that puts wind in our sails and meaning into life.

The Perpetual Fruit of Christ Followers

God's Word changed Bach's life.

Bach's acquisition of Luther's German Bible made a dramatic spiritual impact on his life at age 48.

He consumed the Word of God by writing in margins, underlining passages and composing music to illustrate biblical themes.

Bach's music changed our world.

Music for Bach was never just about the notes, but chiefly a way of glorifying God in worship.

Bach was known as 'the fifth evangelist' because he always honored Jesus and placed *SDG (Soli Deo Gloria)* on his works.



THE BAROQUE PERIOD

1517 Luther posts 95 Theses

1522 Zwingli consumes sausage during Lent

1526 Tyndale completes English NT translation; smuggled copies circulate

1536 Calvin writes first edition of Institutes of the Christian Religion

1545 Catholic Counter-Reformation after Council of Trent

1600 William Shakespeare writes Hamlet

1611 King James Bible published

1680 Antonio Stradivari begins making violins

1685 J. S. Bach born Eisenach, Germany

1687 Newton publishes theories of relativity and gravity

1707 Bach marries Maria Barbara

1720 Maria Barbara dies

1721 Bach marries Anna Wilcke

1741 Bach's Goldberg Variations published

1750 Bach dies in Germany

This era of music history marked by flamboyance and vivid expression began in 1600 with the birth of opera and ended in 1750 with the death of Bach. It was also the golden age of Lutheran church music.

REFLECTING ON THE REFORMATION

Which reformer encouraged you most, and why? What do you imagine that reformer would tell you today?

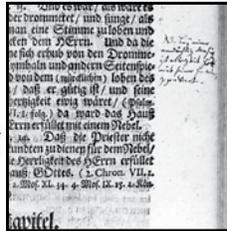
The reformers brought the focus back to Jesus and the gospel of the New Testament. How has the gospel personally moved you?

How have you felt moved to worship God as a natural response during this study?

Read John 15:1-11. What have you been attempting to do through your own efforts instead of relying on Christ alone? How has examining the five solas redirected your thinking?

Where do you feel God prompting you to take a risk in taking a stand for Christ?

Bach's handwritten note in his Bible next to 2 Chron 5:13: "[Note Well:] In a music of worship God is always present with his grace."



Morning Prayers in the Family of Sebastian Bach by Toby Rosenthal



There are more recordings of Bach's music than any other composer. Most of Bach's works are explicitly biblical. Missionary doctor and Bach expert Albert Schweitzer called him "the fifth evangelist." Swedish archbishop Nathan Söderblom called Bach's cantatas "the fifth Gospel."

Martin Luther's hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is the source for Bach's Cantata No. 80, written for Reformation Day (Oct. 31).

Bach accomplished the seemingly impossible task of preparing a different cantata every Sunday for a three-year period in the 1720s, one of the most astonishing creative explosions in the history of Western music. All the more amazing: even though they were simply the results of routine, many are masterpieces nonetheless.

One cantata Bach composed was about coffee addiction. Bach fathered 20 children, 10 of whom survived to adulthood. In 15 years second wife Anna Magdalena went through 12 pregnancies. Eight of those children died at ages varying from one hour to five years; of the remaining four, one was seriously mentally handicapped. Anna was 41 and Sebastian 57 when the last child was born.

By 1749 Bach was completely blind. He died of complications from an eye surgery attempted to restore his vision.

After his death Bach was largely forgotten until Felix Mendelssohn revived "St. Matthew Passion" and musicians steadily rediscovered his extraordinary body of work.

THE WORDS OF J. S. BACH

"Music's only purpose should be the glory of God and the recreation of the human spirit."

When an acquaintance praised Bach's skill as an organist, Bach demonstrated characteristic humility and wit by replying, "There is nothing very wonderful about it; you have only to hit the right notes at the right moment and the instrument does the rest."

Robert Shaw, one of the 20th century's finest conductors, said that J. S. Bach might be the "single greatest creative genius" in the "whole history of the Western world." Mozart said of Bach's works, "Now there is music from which a [person] can learn something." Brahms commented, "Study Bach: there you find everything."

Glenn Gould, one of the greatest pianists of the 20th century: "[Bach was] first and last an architect, a constructor of sound, and what makes him so inestimably valuable to us is that he was beyond a doubt the greatest architect of sound who ever lived."

In his 90s, noted cellist and composer Pablo Casals noted, "For the past 80 years I have started each day in the same manner ... I go to the piano, and I play two preludes and fugues of Bach. I cannot think of doing otherwise. It is a sort of benediction on the house. But that is not its only meaning for me. It is a rediscovery of the world of which I have the joy of being a part. It fills me with awareness of the wonder of life, with the feeling of the incredible marvel of being a human being. The music is never the same for me, never. Each day it is something new, fantastic and unbelievable. That is Bach—like nature, a miracle!"

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of The Source at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

GRAB SHOEBOXES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. Help spread the good news and great joy of Jesus to children around the world this Christmas! Boxes are available today in the Great Room and Atrium. Follow the directions provided in each box and then return them by Sunday, Nov. 19. This year there are also new ways to serve because CCBC is a local drop-off location. Contact Danella at DanellaH@christchapelbc.org for more information.

"NIGHT OF WORSHIP" IS THIS FRIDAY! You won't want to miss the experience of worshipping our great God with your entire church family and our contemporary worship leaders. Plan on joining us as we all gather together in the Sanctuary this Friday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. RSVP for Next Generation Kids Care through age 11 by this Wednesday, Nov. 1 at www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP.

LEARN YOUR S.H.A.P.E. AT LAUNCHING POINT NEXT SUNDAY. Wish you knew more about your spiritual gifts? Understanding how God has gifted and shaped us to impact the church and world is a huge part of growing in our faith. Launching Point is a class designed to help you discover just that! The class begins next Sunday, Nov. 5 at 9:15 a.m. and the final day to register is this Wednesday, Nov. 1. Head to www.ccbcfamily.org/events to register.

DADS, THERE ARE A FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR "DADDY DAUGHTER ADVENTURE." We've created a fun and intentional day just for you and your little girl on Saturday, Nov. 11. Join us at Camp Thurman in Arlington and spend a memorable day laughing, adventuring and speaking blessing and encouragement to your daughter. The event is designed for daughters in Grades K-8 and the cost is \$50 per person. Register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

SIGN UP FOR OUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY GRIEFSHARE CLASS. When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our seminar, "Surviving the Holidays" can help you prepare for the holidays with hope for the future. The class will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18 - get more information or register today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, CHRISTMAS BRUNCH TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEK. Come celebrate the season on Saturday, Dec. 2! Along with a delicious holiday brunch, we'll hear a message that reminds us of the joys of Christmas while surrounded by friends and spectacular holiday tablescapes. If you know someone who needs to hear about Christ's love this Christmas, be sure to bring her along! Tickets will be sold at www.ccbcfamily.org/events beginning this Wednesday, Nov. 1. Want to bring your Pinterest boards to life and decorate a table for the brunch? Email Ellen at EllenS@christchapelbc.org.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL AT JUSTIN'S PLACE. Our ministry partner, Justin's Place, is looking for volunteers to help out with their upcoming Fall Festival on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/serve for more information on how you can make a difference and love families in our community!



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- in-depth podcast interviews with our pastors on the 5 Solas
- insightful articles and more

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