

The Door of Wittenburg  
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Scripture: Romans 1:16-17

- Introduction
  - Halloween
  - Halloween jokes:
    - What's a mummy's favorite music? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Why do ghosts ride up elevators? \_\_\_\_\_
    - What streets do ghosts like to live on? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Why didn't the students like their vampire teacher? \_\_\_\_\_
    - What's the problem with twin witches? \_\_\_\_\_
- Halloween Origins
  - Druids and Samhain
  - Pope Boniface IV, 600 AD established November 1<sup>st</sup> as All Saints Day – All Hallow's Eve became Halloween
  - The loss of the substance of faith. The church needed reform.
  - A life changing moment
- The Door of Wittenburg
  - Semper Reformandis – always reforming
  - Luther's journey
  - The Tower Experience
  - Romans 1:16, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from **faith to faith**; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*
  - Ephesians 2:8 *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--**and this not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no-one can boast."*
  - Sola Christus – In Christ alone; Sola Fide – through faith alone; Sola Gracia – by grace alone
- The 95 Thesis
  - Thesis #1: *"When our Lord and Master Jesus said "repent," he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance."*
  - Thesis #62: *"The true treasure of the church is the most holy Gospel of Glory and Grace of God."*

- Thesis #86: *“Why does not the Pope, whose wealth today is greater than the riches of the richest, build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money, rather than with the money of poor believers.”*
- Diet of Worms - 1521
  - *“Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear and distinct grounds and reasoning—and my conscience is captive to the Word of God—then I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. Here I stand. I can do no other. So help me God.”*
  - Where is the “here I stand moment”?
  - The 5 planks of the Reformation
    - In Christ alone
    - Through faith alone
    - By grace alone
    - The Scriptures alone
    - To God alone be the glory