

How shall we labour with any effect to build up the Church, if we have no thorough knowledge of her history, or fail to apprehend it from the proper point of observation? History is, and must ever continue to be, next to God's Word, the richest foundation of wisdom, and sweet guide to all successful practical activity.

Philip Schaff

History is a story written by the finger of God.

C.S. Lewis

He who learns nothing from the past will be punished by the future.

Anonymous

Not to know what happened before one was born is always to be a child.

Cicero

The study of history is a powerful antidote to contemporary arrogance. It is humbling to discover how many of our glib assumptions, which seem to us novel and plausible, have been tested before, not once but many times and innumerable guises; and discovered to be, at great human cost, wholly false.

Paul Johnson

All history is incomprehensible without Christ.

Ernest Renan

I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread.

David, Psa. 37:25

As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer. But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children.

David, Psa. 103:15-17

Reformation is that word we use to speak to the recovery of the correct doctrines and their vigorous application to all of life.

Jim Elliff

History Matters

Psalm 100

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vs. 3

He is God

He acts in historically verifiable ways

He is sovereign over all things

History Displays the Goodness of God

vs. 5

He is good

His goodness is seen in His promise keeping

His goodness is evident in every generation

So ...

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vs. 1,2,4

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *God rules over:*

- A. us now, but no one else.
- B. all time and all peoples.
- C. only those who follow Jesus.
- D. all of the above.

2. *The story of history is really the story of:*

- A. random forces in the world.
- B. God's activity in the world.
- C. the battle between the random forces of good and evil.
- D. all of the above.

3. *All history will eventually bring about:*

- A. God's glory.
- B. total destruction of all things.
- C. complete despair.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: *What does your family history teach you about the faithfulness and goodness of God?*

Space to Doodle

Kids: Be sure to use the card in the Resource Folder to draw a picture of something you hear in the sermon today!

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

REFORMATION _____	TOTAL: _____
HISTORY _____	_____
SOVEREIGN _____	_____
GOOD _____	_____
FAITHFUL _____	_____
PROMISE _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

REFORMATION HISTORY SOVEREIGN GOOD FAITHFUL PROMISE
 CHILDREN FAMILY ERA COMFORT VERIFIABLE SOCCER SUMMER
 THANKSGIVING SERVE SHOUT SHEEP CREATOR OWNER LORD SIN
 CHURCH NORTHPOINT PARENTS FUN HAPPY SONGS FAITH

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R Z V W H H V E R S L G R W I W N
C E P S A T S E O K N A I R W Y F
C I M P H I I V R I E R A F E Y P
O R P M M E E A V I E U Z F Q B A
N Y E O U R E I F V F S H O U T R
H E R A E S G P R N Y I W S F J E
C P R I T S R E F O R M A T I O N
R A G D K O S D O R O S K B D X T
U N G N L R R O W T T L I R L F S
H V A Q K I C O N H S R O N A E S
C H M C Y L H G E P I L B M C E F
T R E C C O S C R O H I I X K Y U
L U F H T I A F B I Y L D Q S T N
G S K L J C M S F N Y Y W B Y P V
Q C T S G N O S Q T C O M F O R T
  
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