

The Official End of Protestantism

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On October, 31, 2017, this day will commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 theses to the door of the castle church of Wittenberg, which was on October 31, 1517, which officially launched the Protestant Reformation. But this commemoration will also officially end the Protestant Reformation, or bring to an end the schism, according to the claims of the National Catholic Reporter, March 1, 2017.

If the reformation was fully based upon Martin Luther's ideas on what he thought the church needed to address, to reform from their sins, then one man's desire for reform could never have kept the protest going for 500 years. It is said of Luther, "...When he turned his face from Rome he had turned away also in heart, and from that time the separation grew wider, until he severed all connection with the papal church." "He firmly declared that Christians should receive no other doctrines than those which rest on the authority of the Sacred Scriptures. These words struck at the very foundation of papal supremacy. They contained the vital principle of the Reformation." (The Great Controversy, Page 125, par.2, 3) "At Wittenberg a light was kindled whose rays should extend to the uttermost parts of the earth, and which was to increase in brightness to the close of time. But light and darkness cannot harmonize. Between truth and error there is an irrepressible conflict. To uphold and defend the one is to attack and overthrow the other. Our Saviour Himself declared: "I came not to send peace, but a sword." Matthew 10:34." (The Great Controversy, Page 126, par.2, 3)

Luther was not seeking to defend the sins of the Roman church, of which so many of the clergy and even the pope were committing in The Dark Ages. He protested against the sins that he saw within the church, which for the most part has not changed. Luther had received The Light of Truth from The Scriptures, which many could not see, to seek repentance from their sins. As Luther turned from sin, to follow The Light of Truth, Which shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day; what would the end of the protest against sin say to GOD on that day, when the protest against sin in the church and in the hearts of men official come to an end on October 31, 2017?

The Day of Atonement is also an important time for The Christian believer, who has received The Light of Truth, to shine from our heart to those, who are yet in darkness. But if that day on October 22, 1844 began Christ second phase in His work, as our High Priest in cleansing The Heavenly Sanctuary from our sins; could The Day of Atonement be coming to an end when men and women are no longer protesting against the nature of sin, to remain in their sins, to walk no more in The Light of Truth, and return to darkness?

According to The Holy Scriptures, "...the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people" (Leviticus 23:23-29, KJV). The cutting of from among the people for sin, is a form of judgment, according to Psalms 37:28; Isaiah 53:8; Ezekiel 14:21 and 1 Peter 4:17.

That seventh month, according to the Jewish calendar, falls between September and October of each year. For all, who would become one with Christ Jesus, we are to afflict our souls in repenting and turning from sin, to cleanse our temples, as Christ our High Priest cleanses the heavenly Sanctuary, to make us one with GOD by Him.

He--The Word of Wisdom, Who also became flesh, He said, "Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death" (Proverbs 8:32-36, KJV).

"Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:14, 15, KJV).

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that

we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries" (Hebrews 10:19-27, KJV). So let us seek and receive The LORD by The Power of HIS Word, according to John 1:12, 13. Amen.