

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today's topic: **STANDING AGAINST ALL ODDS.**

1. A high regard for the Word of God

- a) Psalm 119 presents shows a high regard for the Word of God. Psalm 119:1-3,104, 147, 162, 105, etc.
- b) What bold declaration did the prophet Isaiah give regarding the Word of God? Isaiah 40:8
- c) In their response to the apostasy of the Christian church, the Protestant Reformers emphasized Sola Scriptura. What is the meaning of Sola Scriptura?

2. Sharing God's Word with others

- a) Why was the apostle Paul so passionate about sharing the Word of God with others? 2 Corinthians 2:14, 4:1-6, 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- b) What inspired counsel did the apostle Paul give to the young preacher Timothy? 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- c) How was the Bible taken away from Christians during the Dark Ages?
- d) Why did Protestant Reformers risk their lives to make the Bible available in a language people could understand?
- e) What was William Tyndale's fate for translating the Bible into English and how was his final prayer answered? ("Lord, open the King of England's eyes.")
- f) Revelation 14:13, Daniel 12:3 How do these inspired words of the prophet Daniel and the apostle John relate to the lives of these courageous Reformers?

3. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God

- a) What was the role of the Holy Spirit in the writing of the Scriptures? 2 Peter 1:19-21 (also 2 Samuel 23:2)
- b) What is the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us to understand the Scriptures? John 14:25-26, 16:13-15
- c) Share a time the Holy Spirit helped you to understand an important truth of the Word of God.

4. A central truth of the Word of God

- a) The Bible clearly explains God's plan of salvation. Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 3:23-28, 6:23, 5:8-10
- b) How did the Bible teaching of salvation through Christ alone (solus Christus) by grace alone (sola gratia) through faith alone (sola fide) challenge the teaching of the dominant Christian church during the Reformation?
- c) Why is it important to remember in the work of salvation that all glory belongs to God alone? (soli Deo gloria) Romans 16:25-27, 2 Peter 3:17-18

5. Obedience as evidence of a living faith

- a) Why is obeying God's Word important for those who are saved by grace through faith? Ephesians 2:10, Romans 8:1-4, John 14:15, etc.
- b) Which Reformers emphasized the importance of obedience to the Word of God and holy living?

