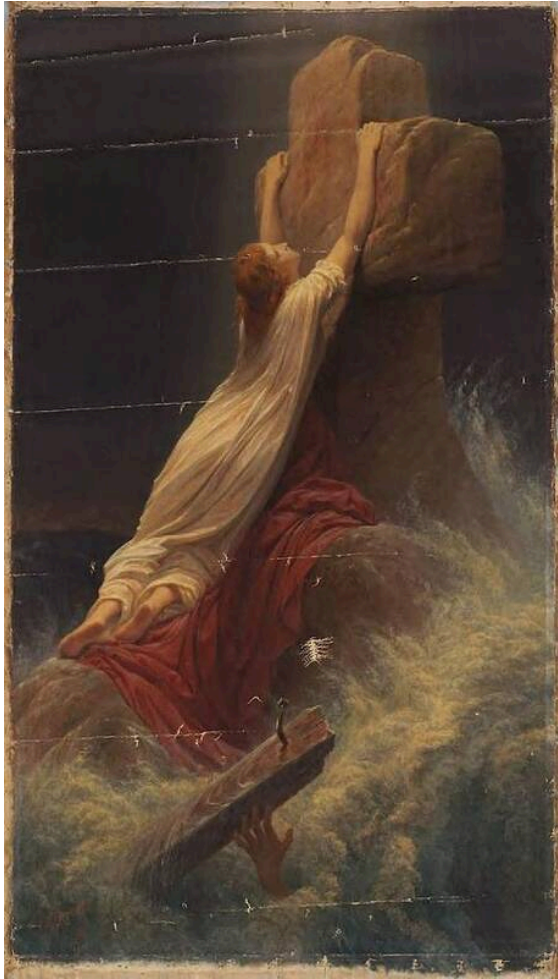


REFORMATION DAY (Observed)
The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace



Background: How is it if God demands perfection, can we expect to live with him in Heavenly Glory at end of time. Everyone knows the wages of sin is death, and there is no way any one can live a perfect life under the law. A deal had to be made and sealed with blood. The deal: sacrifice a sinless man. Only one man could meet such terms—Jesus Christ. Thus it was necessary for his blood to be shed, so the price of our sins could be paid. The Gospel (Good News) is that Jesus fulfilled the deal and we are saved by trusting in this redeeming act. This is a difficult concept, because it's human nature to think we have to do something to earn God's grace. But not so. God did it all. He sent his Son to live a sinless life. He paid the price dying on the cross. Now he lives in us helping us to live the sanctified life. By the work of the Holy Spirit, faith is worked in our hearts so that we can believe His sacrifice paid the full price of our sins. False teachers will tell us there is more that we should do! But per Revelations, God will send angels to make known God's plan of salvation with no adulteration.

& John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

The Lessons: Revelation 14:6–7, Romans 3:19-28
Rock of Ages Johannes Oertel 1865

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32)