

1st Timothy 4: 1-8; “To be Reformed” –“Sola Scriptura – The Scripture Defines Doctrine”; An Adult Sunday School class prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall, and delivered on July 27th, 2014.

1st Timothy 4: 1-8 – “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

1Ti 4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

1Ti 4:3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

1Ti 4:5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1Ti 4:6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

1Ti 4:7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

1Ti 4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.”

A. A Reformed Church attempts to define what the Scriptures are saying, and will not add to them or take away from them.

It was because the Roman Catholic church had added doctrines and practices to the pure and sound doctrine of the Scripture that the Reformation took place in the 16th century, beginning with Martin Luther.(1) The writings and traditions of the early church fathers and the edicts of popes became the basis of a Christianity which obscured the true gospel and many sound doctrines clearly set forth in the Scripture.(2) It was the Reformers such as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, and John Calvin who began the reformation by returning to a careful examination and proclamation of Scripture. Where did they take their cue for this? From the Scriptures, and from men who were good examples in this regard; men like good king Josiah in the Old Testament.(3) Because of their preaching, many people in many countries in Europe, seeing that the Roman Catholic Church would not be reformed, left it, and founded what were called Protestant churches, protesting against salvation by sacraments, the sale of indulgences, and the worship of Mary and the saints. (4) The papal authority, to determine sound doctrine and practice, was called into question in the minds of many people.(5) The true authority of the living risen Christ, speaking to His church through the preaching of the Scriptures, was re-established in many places. Reformed Baptists believe in the authority of the Scriptures.(6) Those who are Reformed Baptists believe in holding together to a confession of faith as a church; a confession which they believe accurately represents the truth of the Scriptures. (7)

1) 1st Timothy 4: 1-8 Deuteronomy 4: 1 and 2 2) Proverbs 30: 5 and 6 3) 2 Chronicles 34: 8-15, 21 4) Revelation 18: 1-4 5) Matthew 23: 9 6) 2 Timothy 4: 1-4 Acts 20: 26-32 (7) 1st Timothy 1: 3 and 4 1st Timothy 3: 14-16 2nd Timothy 2: 8-15