

**PREFACE**

*"I think it's very easy to learn about the Protestant Reformation and remember it without regarding who is the actual person or persons who brought it about. They do remember John Calvin and Martin Luther, but today pastor showed that the most important tenet of Reformation, which is 'Justification By Faith', was brought about much earlier by this great defender of the Scriptures, Paul. Pastor has always been a great admirer of Paul. You can see it in all his sermons. If people have a problem in appreciating pastor correctly, they would ask him why he is almost putting Paul on a pedestal. But pastor would say that if you do not defend the man, you do not defend his doctrines. It was not because of any ego or pride in Paul, but because he wanted to protect these doctrines against anything that would affect the infant, Gentile church. I thank God that in this session, pastor explained more about the person of Paul than actually declaring forth the tenets that ignited the Protestant Reformation. But that is the beauty of it -by defending the person of Paul, he explains to us what the Protestant Reformation is all about." Israel Thomas. "I want to thank God for pastor who brought to us this most auspicious event since the coming of Yeshua Christ, concerning the Protestant Reformation movement. I've not heard of this until I came under the ministry of pastor and I think today when pastor once again presented to us this most auspicious event, he introduced to us not only the three major tenets of the Reformation (starting from 'Papacy is the Antichrist' and then the doctrine of the Scriptures 'Sola Scriptura') and then finally pastor said the most important doctrine is 'Justification By Faith'. In Christendom today most people think we're justified because we have faith. Because of his understanding of this doctrine, once again pastor so sharply corrected that it is not to be justified by our own faith, but it is by grace through Christ and so it is Yeshua Christ Who justifies. Pastor showed me that even the 12 apostles themselves failed to grasp the doctrine of Justification By Faith and even the Reformers themselves would not have understood the depth of this doctrine. Yet today we are so privileged. I would not dare to say that I have fully understood it, but for whatever I have understood thus far, I thank God for raising up His servant who brought to us this doctrine so clearly, employing the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and focusing us on some of these passages, which show us how vehemently Paul defended this doctrine. I would have thought Paul would defend against the enemies of Yeshua Christ, but yet not! He is defending the Gospel against the 12 apostles. If I think I can easily understand this doctrine, then I will miss the whole point, because even the 12 apostles found it difficult to grasp. Pastor also showed us the office and ministry of Paul as an apostle and how there is so much envy and strife among the apostles themselves concerning this. It gives me a lot of insight. When God raises up His servant, it will cause a lot of dissimulation. There is this dissimulation even among those who are supposed to be the godly and the spiritual leaders. A lot of people misunderstood our pastor's teaching and even today I was reading the preface concerning the reply of this man called Douglas Taylor and his allegation or accusation against pastor and against the teachings of pastor. These ones are not heathens or people who do not read the Scriptures. Yet, they cannot understand these doctrines. So I want to thank God for raising up pastor to teach us these deep doctrines and strands of truth that are in the Scriptures. Truly God has shown us the importance of recognising the calling and office of His ministers. Another lesson I take home today is that I must be submissive. After I have recognised the calling and the office, there is a need for me to submit to the servant of God. As Barnabas failed to submit himself, having seen the strength of the Holy Ghost, the wisdom and the anointing upon Paul, yet he failed to submit himself for whatever reason, whether envy or the feeling of having his position usurped by Paul. You see even James and all the others addressed Barnabas in Acts 15 as 'beloved Barnabas' and named him before Paul. Paul was someone who had come in so quickly and presented the doctrines with such clarity. Perhaps Barnabas felt threatened. Such is our folly and the pride in us and in many of the so-called Protestant leaders in Christendom today who failed to appreciate the tracts and the doctrines and the teachings that pastor has shown us from the Scriptures. I thank God for the little that I have received. I pray God will help me to treasure the legacy that is bequeathed to us through this Protestant Reformation." Hadassah Chew. The foregoing were responses to pastor's discourse on the Protestant Reformation, Philadelphia, The Grange, Ulster, Northern Ireland, UK. "The point is that for 17 years the apostles failed to harness Paul's potential and unction. Paul is in effect asking, 'Why did not anybody use me when you knew I had this special calling, endowment and wisdom!' For 17 years he was left unharnessed in Tarsus (Cilicia) before they finally compelled him to help them out in the Gospel work in Antioch of Syria." Pastor's concluding comments; 29 September AD 2013*