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Dr. Tim Rumsey

Prayer and the Reformation

What has Jesus been doing in heaven for the last 2,000 years? The Bible speaks of Jesus Christ as humanity's



“great high priest, that is passed into the heavens”

Heb 4:14. Just like the Old Testament earthly priests carried sacrificial animal blood into the earthly sanctuary, Jesus entered heaven's sanctuary as humanity's High Priest through the merits of His blood. **Heb 9:12** says,

“Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.” As Heaven's High Priest, Jesus has the authority to apply the righteous merits of His blood to our lives when we repent of sin. The result is both forgiveness and power to overcome temptation and sin. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” **Heb 9:14.** This is the end result of justification—a legal declaration of forgiveness backed up by a transformed life.



Seeking forgiveness and the power to obey God are two wonderful reasons to pray, but how do we know that God hears our prayers? Revelation chapter eight describes Jesus as High Priest standing before the altar of incense in heaven's sanctuary. He has “a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne” **Rev 8:3.** What Revelation describes next is very encouraging. “And the smoke of the



incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's [Christ's] hand” (**verse 4**). When we pray in faith, our High Priest Jesus Christ takes our prayers, combines them with His limitless faith, and then presents them to God the Father.



David Bolduc

President's Perspective

In past years, we have celebrated Reformation throughout the entire month of October by airing Reformation Programming. We will do that again this year with a bonus.

From 6:00 p.m. on Sabbath, Oct. 28, through 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 31, Strong Tower Radio will run 78 hours of non-stop Bible programming with a dramatized reading of the King James Version from Genesis to Revelation. Martin Luther had to stand at a podium in a library to read the Word of God, and Strong Tower Radio (STR) will be literally sharing the scriptures with the masses!

This dramatized version was produced by;

Faith Comes By Hearing.

We greatly appreciate that they have given us full permission to broadcast their work.

Several good things have happened with the new construction permits. As of this writing, our Greenville station has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)! We have ordered the antennas and feedline for Port Sanilac. We have asked the FCC to change the height of our antenna at Owosso to reduce our monthly tower rent by almost \$1,000, but there are always challenges.



Some complications have developed at the South Haven tower, so I'm considering moving our construction permit to another tower site. I have been talking with another tower owner in Tower Hill who has told me they have space available in an enclosed shelter for our equipment, which is a big plus. We will need to do a structural analysis to ensure the weight of our feedlines and antennas will not overload the tower.

The antenna manufacturer for the Houghton tower has sent me a design, and I'm checking with our engineers to ensure it will work for our needs. I have been checking on a more directional antenna for the Bridgman station and am waiting for a response from the antenna manufacturer.

We appreciate all of our financial supporters! We often have just enough funds to cover the bills due that day. God is so faithful to provide for our daily needs.

Changed Lives: Anthony Cary Continued...



Kam Ferguson

Finding STR in his late twenties was an eye-opener for him. Anthony describes all that STR listening as "more content in one week (50+ hours) than most Christians gain in one year of church attendance" (52 weeks, 1 hour/week). He realized that God was calling him to a total transformation, (including lifestyle change) in all areas of his life! During the following three years, Anthony pressed through those changes with God's power.

Anthony had a large friend group, and they wanted to know why he left the bar and pool hall scenes. Soon, they were saying, "Anthony's getting married, what's going on?" Most walked away, but several were drawn to the new Anthony. One friend started going back to the Lutheran church after a long absence.

Anthony shared STR with a fellow timber industry worker, Matt, who began listening. Matt was



amazed at what he heard on 90.9 FM and commented,

"Wow, listen to this!" as they

compared their listening experiences. Matt would keep listening and moving forward in faith due to Anthony's

sharing what he was hearing on STR. (another STR testimony)

He also shared with his younger brother, Justin, who listened to STR and series by David Klinedinst and Ken Cox. Convicted by what he heard, he pursued Bible studies and was baptized before his older brother! Praise God for positive influence!

Anthony publically testified of his commitment to Jesus Christ through baptism at the Wilson SDA Church in April 2022; praise God!



Anthony still listens to STR, though less than in the first few years. Now operating his own company, his business phone often interrupts his radio listening. He sets an alarm to help him catch Joe Crews' classic message each afternoon on STR, stating that "he needs that 15 minutes; it's very powerful." Regarding Joe Crews, he says, "I don't know how anybody could pack that much into 15 minutes."

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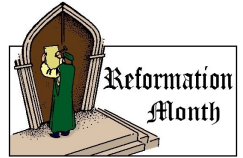
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CURRENT EVENTS

October is Reformation Month at Strong Tower Radio (STR) each year. Our protestant reformation programs are awaiting your listening and sharing. Annually, we celebrate and reflect on what these courageous

reformers did. I have shared the October schedule and my personal favorite programs with friends, family, and acquaintances. Check out our [STR.fm](#) link to find the specific reformation specials.



STR has friends in congregations across our listening area, but we get an exceptionally warm welcome in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. We confirmed this during the U.P. camp meeting with visits to three schools and several churches recently.

I want to shout out to the pastors, elders, bulletin secretaries, and others who keep STR on-air events and developments before their congregations.

I have been pleased to see STR sharing "business" cards and bookmarks in the lobby of many churches. My heart is filled with joy as I see STR bulletin announcements and inserts in weekly bulletins throughout Michigan, from southeast Michigan's Troy and Warren to the U.P.'s Rapid River and Escanaba. I am confident there are many more.

By the way, we are reprinting the sharing cards to include the new, soon-coming stations. Watch for or request them from us for your personal and church sharing.

This last month, we recorded several new programs on-location, such as the Hart Historical Museum, the Mason County White Pine Village which preserves the area's 1800 and 1900s history; the executive director co-hosted that recording, adding lovely spiritual nuances.

We also recorded the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum with its program director reliving a historic Armistice Day storm that sunk many ships in Lake Michigan and the Houghton Lake First Responders and Veterans Barbecue. Finally, we started our second session of school and community center visits beginning in the U.P., all this and more!

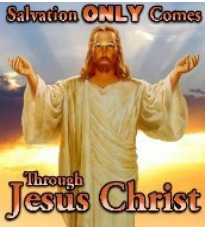


By Tom Mejeur

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That's encouraging, isn't it?

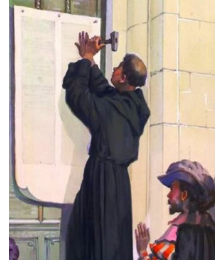
During the Middle Ages, many Christians were taught to confess their sins to human priests and to trust in the supposed power of sacraments for salvation. As a result, Christ's work in heaven was nearly forgotten, and His power to forgive sin and save people from condemnation was attributed instead to a human priesthood with the pope as its head. In this system, justification is available only through the authority of the Church because only the pope and priests can administer the sacraments, which are essential to salvation.



However, the Bible teaches that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and His priestly ministrations. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must

be saved" **Acts 4:12**. Justification comes through the authority of Christ's priesthood and is available to all people individually through faith in Christ. This is the basic doctrine of justification taught by Martin Luther and many other reformers.

In his book *On the Papacy in Rome*, Luther wrote, "Christ is a spiritual, internal priest; for he is seated in heaven and intercedes for us as a priest; he teaches internally, in the heart, and does what a priest is supposed to do between God and us."^[1]



One of the Protestant Reformation's most significant achievements was to direct people toward an individual relationship with Jesus Christ, experienced through Bible study and prayer. The two must go together. Without prayer, Bible study will be ineffective and possibly even erroneous. Without the Bible, prayer can become self-focused and even lead people into dangerous types of meditation and mysticism.



Have you talked to Jesus Christ, your High Priest in heaven, lately? He is always listening and desires to have a personal relationship with you.

Changed Lives: Anthony Cary (Continued from page 3)

Anthony still enjoys listening to *Bible in Living Sound* on STR each evening while driving home. He works six days weekly, from dawn to dusk, and looks forward to Sabbath rest. Time to spend with God, worshipping with fellow believers, restful time with family, he finds the Sabbath to be such a blessing!

Anthony likes to share his faith and STR. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to open doors for Anthony to share the everlasting gospel within his influence circle.

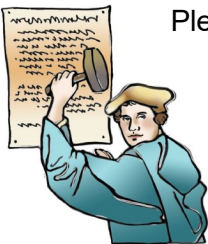
Thank you, friends, for your support of STR. God is changing lives through this ministry!

Prayer and the Reformation (Continued from page 5)

As the Bible says, "He is able also to save [us] to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for [us]" **Heb 7:25**.

[1] J. Pelikan and H.T. Lehmann, eds., *Luther's Works*, vol. 39 (St. Louis and Philadelphia: Concordia Publishing House/Muhlenberg Press, 1958-67), p. 80, quoted in Gerald O'Collins and Michael Keenan Jones, *Jesus Our Priest: A Christian Approach to the Priesthood of Christ* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 128-129.

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Reformation Month



Kam Ferguson

Thank You, I Needed That!

The everlasting gospel broadcasts 24/7/365 from Strong Tower Radio's 14 FM signals, one AM and internet stream, thanks to many faithful prayers and financial support from many of you.



Last week, we received a call from a central Michigan area pastor who praised God for the message he'd just heard on the Fresh Manna program at 11 a.m. He



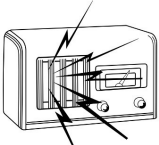
stated, "he heard much that he wanted to share with his congregation, and that he also needed the message personally." Ministering in another denomination, he requested the contact info of the pastor who had preached that message, which we gladly provided!

We also received a voicemail from a long-time listener who had just heard seven calls to give his life to Jesus within the message from another pastor broadcasted on STR. Past phone calls from this listener requested prayer for medical or travel needs; this voicemail requested that we call back and pray with the listener for a closer walk with God!

Friends, with growing frequency, we are seeing the world throw truth out in favor of lies, yet many people in this world are searching for truth, and you are helping them to find it on STR!



We recently alerted supporters that we were experiencing a funding shortfall, and many responded. Praise God, and thank you for over \$33,000 given in response! Total operating costs for 15 stations are \$51,000 per month to broadcast the everlasting gospel to 3.7 million potential listeners.



Through STR, you are reaching a multitude with *Present Truth* as you pray for and financially support this ministry. Lives are being changed! Through testimonies we share, via phone calls we receive, and by our hand extended to you, we each say, "Thank you, I needed that!"

