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THE REFORMATION OF THE 16TH CENTURY AND THE REFORMATION OF THE 20TH CENTURY

THE SCRIPTURAL BASIS OF REFORMATION

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The subject for our consideration this week is "The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, and the Reformation of the Twentieth Century." I am sure that many a person, hearing this title, will immediately ask the question: "Why should so many reformations be necessary? Why should more than one be necessary? Why, in fact, should any be necessary at all?"

This is a very important question. As in the case of any important question in the spiritual or moral realm there is one place where we should first look for an answer. That place is the Word of God. If we find an answer there, we can be sure that it is the correct one. I believe that we can find the answer in Matthew 16: 13-24:

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the