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On <u>October 31</u>, out of love for the truth, the Priest and Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and Sacred Theology, a Church Reformer and lecturer at Wittenberg, <u>nailed his 95 Theses upon the</u> <u>door of the Wittenburg church</u>. These statements stood against the current trends of the church and pronounced truths. The church of today has greatly benefited from Martin Luther's efforts. We can now both use and now update his ideas.

Here, as a 21st Century Reformer, every year, I post my thesis to the door of the Church....

- 1. God is love.
- 2. He has a great unfolding plan.
- 3. That plan includes us.
- 4. His plan is for us to love.
- 5. His plan is to eternally live in us, in order to express His eternal life through us (2 Cor. 4:10)
- 6. The redemption of Jesus allows us to participate in His plan.
- 7. God is always ever present. Now the tabernacle of God is ever with us Emanuel.
- 8. Believers are to become conformed and transformed into the image of God.
- 9. They are to walk in the restored dominion authority of the garden.

10. Jesus is held in the heavenlies until the fulfillment of all things (Acts 3:21). He's waiting for us to be transformed.

11. Sin caused us to miss the purpose of God, but redemption by the Blood of Jesus causes us to be adopted and to be full heirs of God.

12. Jesus came to this world to inaugurate God's new redemptive plan for humanity.

13. God's plan to conform us to His image includes all races, male and female, all ages, and all classes which are equally and highly cherished.

14. Christ died for a total forgiveness of our past and present sins. We are pardoned from our sins because of that inestimable gift of God.

15. Jesus initiated God's message of Good News (Lu. 2:10 LB).



16. We seek the unfolding Gospel of the power of God's non-judgmental, non-condemning love and new life.

17. Believers are entrusted with the privilege of enacting God's mercy and compassion toward one another and the world.

18. Believers are co-crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6, 11, Col. 3:1-4). We have already died. We don't need to die to our old man any longer. Wrongly emphasizing our personal sacrifice to need to continually die, denies the power of the resurrection. When Jesus died, we died.

19. Believers are co-buried with Christ (Col. 2:12, Rom. 6:3-4).

20. Believers re co-resurrected with Christ (Col. 3:1, Rom. 6:9).

21. Jesus sat down and said that His work was finished (Heb. 4:3). All things are consummated in Christ.

22. Believers are co-seated in heavenly places with Christ (Eph. 2:5-6).

23. Believers are already made alive together with Christ (Eph. 2:1-2, 1 Cor. 15:23).

24. We are partners with God for His plan concerning every living human being.

25. Jesus offered up the only sacrifice that takes away the sins of the world (Jn. 1:29).

26. Believers are anointed of the Holy Spirit by the miracle power of God to do His work.

27. Jesus established a new covenant of mercy (Jn. 1:17, Heb. 8:8-10) - that is where we should walk.

28. Jesus provides redemption that enables believers to possess or share all that exists only in Jesus.

29. Truth is revealed and proceeds ongoingly, giving greater accuracy. And through this accuracy, the Spirit of God brings powerful demonstrations.

30. Jesus abolished the law and established a greater commandment (Jn. 13:34). To LOVE others.

31. Christ living in us enables His love-power to reach others with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

32. Jesus instituted a new priesthood (Heb. 8:6, 12:24, 9:11).

33. Believers are Christ's body today on earth who image that priesthood.

34. Christ's priesthood is not Aaronic... He was a Melchedezic priest.

35. The Melchezdic priesthood holds the power of endless life (Heb. 7:16).

36. Believers are a community of priests (1 Pet. 2:5). Jesus made us a priest like Himself. His power was not derived from another man -- it's not Levitical. His priesthood came from the LIFE OF GOD itself. It's the power that arises out of the life that lives in Him. He gives us HIS power -- and that power is after His endless life. Ours is a priesthood "by virtue of an indestructible Life (Wey), ... according to the energy of

an indissoluble life (Min), But with the power of an imperishable life (Con.), But on the basis of a power flowing from a life that cannot end (Wms), But by virtue of a life beyond the reach of death (Tcnt).

37. Jesus has the power to save us to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).

38. Jesus has the power to restore the kingdom and all things (Col. 1:20).

39. Believers have the power to draw near God's presence and fellowship with Him there.

40. Believers have the ability to communicate to others the power of a life within the veil.

41. Before the believer are the ever opened doors (Ps. 118:19, Rev. 22:14).

42. Jesus established total healing for our body, soul, and spirit.

43. Believers are to become whole and have a sound mind and body.

44. Our body is the temple of God. We are to care for our bodies and present our body as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12).

45. Every day is holy and set apart for us.

46. Jesus initiated a new relationship and covenant with God (Je. 32:38-41, 2 Co. 6:16-18).

47. He birthed a new lifestyle for us to imitate (Jn. 1:4, 10:10, 11:25, 14:6, Rom. 5:21, 2 Ti. 1:10, Heb. 10:20, 1Jn. 5:12).

48. Believers become God's honored representatives on earth.

49. The job of the believer is to incorporate the finished work of the cross, overcoming evil with good, walking in holiness, and becoming a demonstration of His glory.

50. God's infallible plan for our life is to tell the untold, love the unlovely, heal the hurting, and to activate God's love and anointing.

51. Satan is a created being who is not able to create life.

52. John 5:19 states: "The whole world is most certainly under the control of the evil one."

53. But, believers are not to be of this world (James 4:4, 1 Jn. 2:15-18).

54. The Son of God came to earth to destroy the works of the evil one.

55. He finished the work. The enemy is defeated - now. Satan and evil have no jurisdiction over the believer (1 Jn. 2:3, 4:4, 5:18, Rom. 6:14, Col. 1:13).

56. His death enabled each of us to become a "son of God" who can also destroys evil works (1 Jn. 3:8). The power given us to subdue all God's enemies (Eph. 1:19-23). As He is, so are we in this WORLD (1 Jn. 4:7). All believers have been given Divine authority over all the POWER (dunamis) of the enemy; and

nothing shall by any means hurt them (Lk. 10:19). All hell comes to a halt because we are invested with the God-given authority of heaven over the power of the enemy.

57. We can overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

58. At the cross, our LIFE-GIVER, Jesus became the Redemptive Seed that could be planted in our hearts to grow the TREE OF LIFE once again in our garden heart.

59. The POWER of God is the Gospel (Gal 2:16).

60. The Gospel enables people to live in victory above their circumstances.

61. Therefore, the gift of the Holy Spirit is accessible to each believer.

62. God created us for His glory (Is. 43:7).

63. We are to declare His glory among the nations (I Chrn. 16:24). We declare His glory among all people.

64. They shall open their eyes from darkness into light.

65. Our WHOLENESS brings glory to God (Mat. 5:16).

66. God's holy Word is settled (Ps. 118:99).

67. All things are possible through faith if we only believe (Matt. 19:26, Mk. 10:27).

68. Redemption provides for our health and soundness of mind and body.

69. Redemption provides for our total forgiveness of sin. Redemption gives believers the power to live with a cleansed conscience.

70. We have been given the power to manifest His breathtaking glory on earth.

71. The hatred of the old nature must be replaced with the discovery of being part of the New Creation.

72. We are to ask the Lord of the harvest for laborers and for rain on behalf of all humankind, that they be brought to repentance by the goodness and love of God.

73. We lift up our eyes to see the provision of God. For the Lord will hasten to perform His Word and reveal to His people the abundance of peace, truth, health, prosperity, deliverance, safety, and abundant life.

74. We, the people of God, put on love and walk in absolute trust and confidence of His power, wisdom, and goodness.

75. The Word dwells within us, in all richness.

76. The Spirit of Death has no power over the believer.

77. We are ransomed by His blood, and walk in the Spirit of Life.

78. We don't need man's approval, distorted prosperity, self-exaltation, or popularity.

79. Believers do not flinch in sacrifice, hesitate in adversity, negotiate with the enemy, or wallow in the maze of mediocrity.

80. The giving of money should be a free will and generous act of the heart - the believer should not be concerned about "the penalties of sacramental satisfaction" established by man. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters (extracted from a partial quote of Martin Luther).

81. Christians are to be taught that God desires their pure motive and devout lifestyle rather than their wrongly motivated external activities.

82. Jesus is the Head of the Church; that means He is the source of it. All church activities should glorify Him and not a person.

83. God established a pattern for the church and allows certain individuals to hold the responsibility of leadership in love. The leaders of the church were elders.

84. Without proper church leadership there would be lawlessness, anarchy and disorder. (Ju. 21:23, 2 Peter 2:10, James 3:16). Leadership is not meant to be controlling "oversight" but rather encouragement and undergirding.

85. Government is a blessing of God giving security and freedom within a God-given framework of order (Heb. 10:19-25).

86. God's government is not hierarchical. It was never meant to be a ranking of superiority. It is not meant to separate the "laity" from the "clergy." No hierarchy or position qualifies a person to have any power over another. Even the God-head pictures equality.

87. Leaders are to lead with humility and wisdom. We lead without strife.

88. Godly government works as leaders set aside their own preferences and submit to the Lordship of Jesus - in honor preferring one another. The greatest of all are the servants of God's people.

89. Leaders are to mature and equip the saints, to enable them to (fully) walk in newness of life and inheritance.

90. Every member should mature to fully function according to his/her gift (I Peter 2:5).

91. Continual repentance from sin and selfish motives is available for all of us (Acts. 3:19).

92. God's people need to work happily and not act big.

93. God's people need to use their talents to the fullest for the gospel.

- 94. In God there is only goodness and no shadow nor variance of turning (Jms. 1:17).
- 95. There is no fear in life or death when we are secure in the Lord's love.
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