

Devotional Thoughts :: This huge mass of rubbish! by J.C. Ryle

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(J. C. Ryle, "What Do We Owe to the Reformation?")

We have neither an adequate conception of the evils from which the Reformation freed us--nor of the enormous good which it brought in.

In the days when the Roman Catholic Church ruled England--he who desired to obtain forgiveness of his sins--had to seek it through a jungle of . . .

priests,
saints,
Mary-worship,
masses,
penances,
confessions,
absolution,
and the like!

This huge mass of rubbish was shoveled out of the way by the Reformers. They taught that justification was by faith alone, and that every heavy-laden sinner on earth had a right to go straight to the Lord Jesus Christ for remission of sins--without waiting for Pope or priest, confession or absolution, masses or extreme unction. From that time, the backbone of English Popery was broken!

The Reformation found Englishmen steeped in ignorance--and left them in possession of knowledge. It found them blind--and left them seeing.

It found them without Bibles--and left them with a Bible in every parish.

It found them priest-ridden--and left them enjoying the liberty which Christ bestows.

It found them strangers to saving faith, and grace, and holiness--and left them with the key to those things in their hands.

It found them slaves--and left them free.

Re: This huge mass of rubbish! by J.C. Ryle - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2008/10/16 9:40

Amen to this article. Thanks!!

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2008/10/16 11:06

One thing about Ryle that always grips me is his penchant for never mincing words. His ministry is one of the most readable I know, and his denunciations against RC doctrine thunder only second to his denunciations against sin.

Re: - posted by Fuegodedios (), on: 2008/10/16 13:03

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Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/10/16 17:36

Quote:

Fuegodedios wrote:

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Amen. It is very worth reading.