

## SAVED TO SERVE

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1. Let us study chapter nine of *The Great Controversy*, entitled "The Swiss Reformer."

2	<ol><li>Who did the Lord raise us to carry forward the Reformation, while Martin Luther was providentially placed in seclusion?</li></ol>	
	3a. What did Zwingli say regarding Martin Luther's writings and ministry?	

The doctrine preached by Zwingli was not received from Luther. It was the doctrine of Christ. "If Luther preaches Christ," said the Swiss Reformer, "he does what I am doing. Those whom he has brought to Christ are more numerous than those whom I have led. But this matters not. I will bear no other name than that of Christ, whose soldier I am, and who alone is my Chief. Never has one single word been written by me to Luther, nor by Luther to me. And why? . . . That it might be shown how much the Spirit of God is in unison with itself, since both of us, without any collusion, teach the doctrine of Christ with such uniformity." {GC 174.2} 3b. Note: Zwingli represents two classes of people: Firstly, he represents preachers who are emphasizing principles of present truth that others are also presenting, without any form of collaboration. Secondly, he represents the messengers that the Lord will raise up to finish the work, who previously had no connection with present truth preachers from the Seventh-day Adventist movement. Therefore, we must learn the lessons that Jesus is teaching from the following scriptures: Luke 9:49,50; Numbers 11:25-29; and Exodus 18:1,2,10-14,27 4a. What was said of the early training of Zwingli that fitted him for God's service?

A few weeks after the birth of Luther in a miner's cabin in Saxony, **Ulric Zwingli was born in a herdsman's cottage among the Alps. Zwingli's surroundings in childhood, and his early training, were such as to prepare him for his future mission**. **Reared amid scenes of natural grandeur, beauty, and awful sublimity, his mind was early impressed with a sense of the greatness, the power, and the majesty of God.** The history of the brave deeds achieved upon his native mountains kindled his youthful aspirations. And at the side of his pious grandmother he listened to the few precious Bible stories which she had gleaned from amid the legends and traditions of the church. With eager interest he heard of the grand deeds of patriarchs and prophets, of the shepherds who watched their flocks on the hills of Palestine where angels talked with them, of the Babe of Bethlehem and the Man of Calvary. {GC 171.2}

**4b.** Note: Zwingli's upbringing should remind us of the training and preparation of John the Baptist, who was the forerunner of Christ's earthly ministry. See Luke 1:80.

**4c.** Note: What was Christ's secret to receive power to do ministry? We need to heed that discipline.\_

The Saviour's life on earth was a life of communion with nature and with God. In this communion He revealed for us the secret of a life of power. {MH 51.1}

**5a.** Why did the Lord choose a man like Zwingli and not the leaders of the church to reform the church? What divine plan was used for the reforming of the church as in the planting of the church?

In the choice of instrumentalities for the reforming of the church, the same divine plan is seen as in that for the planting of the church. The heavenly Teacher passed by the great men of the earth, the titled and wealthy, who were accustomed to receive praise and homage as leaders of the people. They were so proud and self-confident in their boasted superiority that they could not be molded to sympathize with their fellow men and to become colaborers with the humble Man of Nazareth. To the unlearned, toiling fishermen of Galilee was the call addressed: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. {GC 171.1}

**6b.** Note: The following quotations and scripture show who the Lord will not use and who will use in this closing work of revival and reformation.

In the last solemn work few great men will be engaged. They are self-sufficient, independent of God, and He cannot use them. The Lord has faithful servants, who in the shaking, testing time will be disclosed to view. There are precious ones now hidden who have not bowed the knee to Baal. They have not had the light which has been shining in a concentrated blaze upon you. But it may be under a rough and uninviting exterior the pure brightness of a genuine Christian character will be revealed. In the day time we look toward heaven but do not see the stars. They are there, fixed in the firmament, but the eye cannot distinguish them. In the night we behold their genuine luster. {5T 80.1}

6c. Read also Matthew 3:5-9. Compare Matthew 3:5-9 with Matthew 4:18 and John 1:42.

7a. Who will the Lord be able to use in this closing work of aggressive evangelism?\_\_\_\_

To the unlearned, toiling fishermen of Galilee was the call addressed: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19. These disciples were humble and teachable. The less they had been influenced by the false teaching of their time, the more successfully could Christ instruct and train them for His service. So in the days of the Great Reformation. The leading Reformers were men from humble life--men who were most free of any of their time from pride of rank and from the influence of bigotry and priestcraft. It is God's plan to employ humble instruments to accomplish great results. Then the glory will not be given to men, but to Him who works through them to will and to do of His own good pleasure. {GC 171.1}

<b>7b.</b> Note: Who will the Lord use in these last days?
Thus the message of the third angel will be proclaimed. As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those who consecrate themselves to His service. <b>The laborers will be qualified rather</b>
by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions. Men of faith and prayer will be constrained to go forth with
holy zeal, declaring the words which God gives them. The sins of Babylon will be laid open. The fearful results of enforcing the
observances of the church by civil authority, the inroads of spiritualism, the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal powerall will be
unmasked. By these solemn warnings the people will be stirred. Thousands upon thousands will listen who have never heard words like
these. In amazement they hear the testimony that Babylon is the church, fallen because of her errors and sins, because of her rejection of
the truth sent to her from heaven. {GC 606.2}
8a. How did Satan attempt to derail Zwingli from God's calling when he was 13 years old?
At the age of thirteen he went to Bern, which then possessed the most distinguished school in Switzerland. Here,
however, a danger arose which threatened to blight the promise of his life. <u>Determined efforts were put forth by the friars to allure him into a monastery. The Dominican and Franciscan monks</u> were in rivalry for popular favor. This they endeavored to secure by the
showy adornments of their churches, the pomp of their ceremonials, and the attractions of famous relics and miracle-working
imagesLuther, while a student at school, had buried himself in a convent cell, and he would have been lost to the world had not
God's providence released him. Zwingli was not permitted to encounter the same peril. Providentially his father received
information of the designs of the friars. {GC 172.1}
Note: The Papacy has worked to neutralize the Protestant Reformation by establishing schools for the children of Protestants parents.
Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and
shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters. They established colleges for the sons of
princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of
popish ritesThe Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery. {GC 235.1}
Note: The Papacy has and maintains the largest private school system worldwide. The Seventh-day Adventists maintains the largest private
school system among all Protestant denominations.
In fact, the Adventists maintain the largest worldwide private school system next to that maintained by the Roman
Catholic Church. https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1966/04/why-the-seventh-day-adventists-are-succeeding
[Ted] Wilson said Adventist educators must not forget to seek the Lord — even as they prosper as employees of the
world's largest Protestant educational system of more than 8,200 schools and 100,000 teachers. <a "it="" accept="" as<="" been="" has="" href="https://news.adventist.org/en/all-news/news/news/news/news/news/news/news/&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;all-news/news/go/2016-10-08/ted-wilson-arms-adventist-educators-with-an-ellen-white-book/&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;all-news/news/go/2016-10-08/ted-wilson-arms-adventist-educators-with-an-ellen-white-book/ Note: Satan is working to neutralize the Protestant Reformation within the Seventh-day Adventist church by the following: The schools that&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;all-news/news/go/2016-10-08/ted-wilson-arms-adventist-educators-with-an-ellen-white-book/  Note: Satan is working to neutralize the Protestant Reformation within the Seventh-day Adventist church by the following: The schools that we attend or allow our children to attend will decide if the Lord can use us or if He will have to pass us by in this work of aggressive&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;tr&gt;&lt;td&gt;all-news/news/go/2016-10-08/ted-wilson-arms-adventist-educators-with-an-ellen-white-book/ Note: Satan is working to neutralize the Protestant Reformation within the Seventh-day Adventist church by the following: The schools that we attend or allow our children to attend will decide if the Lord can use us or if He will have to pass us by in this work of aggressive evangelism. 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10a. What new agency did the Lord providentially bring in to advance the work of the Reformation?

About this time a new agency came in to advance the work of reform. One Lucian was sent to Zurich with some of Luther's writings, by a friend of the reformed faith at Basel, who suggested that the sale of these books might be a powerful means of scattering the light...Thus the light found entrance. {GC 178.1}

**10b.** As long as probation continues, there will be opportunity for the canvasser to work. When the religious denominations unite with the papacy to oppress God's people, places where there is religious freedom will be opened by evangelistic canvassing. {CM 11.2} More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications. {CM 151.3} **10c.** Note: In such a time as this when the canvassing work is necessary for the work of reformation, the Seventh-day Adventist church is closing down their publishing houses; for example, the Review and Herald. Now, the Pacific Press is presently publishing books from infidel authors.

Review and Herald Shuts Down Hagerstown Operations <a href="https://thecompassmagazine.com/news/review-and-herald-shuts-down-hagerstown-operations">https://thecompassmagazine.com/news/review-and-herald-shuts-down-hagerstown-operations</a>

**11a.** What did Zwingli see at Einsiedeln which thrusted him further into the work of the Reformation?

In 1516 Zwingli was invited to become a preacher in the convent at Einsiedeln. Here he was to have a closer view of the corruptions of Rome and was to exert an influence as a Reformer that would be felt far beyond his native Alps. Among the chief attractions of Einsiedeln was an image of the Virgin which was said to have the power of working miracles. Above the gateway of the convent was the inscription, "Here a plenary remission of sins may be obtained." Pilgrims at all seasons resorted to the shrine of the Virgin; but at the great yearly festival of its consecration multitudes came from all parts of Switzerland, and even from France and Germany. Zwingli, greatly afflicted at the sight, seized the opportunity to proclaim liberty through the gospel to these bondslaves of superstition. {GC 174.3}

11b. "Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be visiting Fatima on May 12th & 13th, 2017" <a href="http://www.206tours.com/fatima2017/">http://www.206tours.com/fatima2017/</a>
Site of Marian apparitions in Wisconsin becomes national shrine...Nearly 160 years ago, on Oct. 9, 1859, Mary appeared to a young Belgian immigrant living in Kewaunee County, located in eastern Wisconsin on Lake Michigan and near Green Bay. <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/">Today, it's the only approved Marian apparition site in the United States</a>. On Aug. 15, the feast <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/">https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/</a> <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/">https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/</a> <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/">https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/</a> <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/">https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2016/08/18/</a>

**11c.** Note: One reason why the Lord cannot find men today like Zwingli is because the pastors and administrators of the Seventh-day Adventist church are joining in ecumenism with Popery and the Marian Movement, which is called Focolare.

The Focolare Movement, though primarily Roman Catholic, now has strong links to the major Christian denominations and other religions, or in some cases, with the non-religious....its official name as approved by the Roman Catholic Church is "Opera di Maria" or "Work of Mary"...Today the movement, which is now international, considers the following issues as part of its mandate: to cooperate in the consolidation of unity in the Christian world, with individuals and groups, movements and associations; to contribute to full communion with Christians of different churches; to move towards universal brotherhood with followers of various religions and people of other persuasions, including atheists. The whole movement is divided into 25 branches. The Focolare Movement is recognized by the Pope and is present in over 182 countries. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Focolare Movement">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Focolare Movement</a>

Bishop says this movement can help heal America's wounds... I also believe the pope sees signs of hope in a people who want to contribute to a more united and peaceful world inspired by Jesus' prayer "that all be one." Through the spirituality of unity, we can contribute to what Pope Paul VI and others since have called "a civilization of love." <a href="https://cruxnow.com/church/2016/05/24/bishop-says-the-focolare-help-build-civilization-of-love/">https://cruxnow.com/church/2016/05/24/bishop-says-the-focolare-help-build-civilization-of-love/</a>

11c. Note: Seventh-day Adventists have joined the Ecumenical Movement with the Focolare Movement.

Ecumenism and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity...The focolare community in Brazil reports: "We have relationships with Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and **Seventh Day Adventists** that are truly significant. Sometimes we meet to dialogue about specific topics as we did at a conference held last August at Mariapolis Ginetta in san Paolo where we discussed the topic of peace." <a href="http://www.focolare.org/en/news/2017/01/18/ecumenismo-settimana-dellunita/">http://www.focolare.org/en/news/2017/01/18/ecumenismo-settimana-dellunita/</a>

St. Norbert Parish, 1817 Walters Ave., Northbrook, is the host church for a Week of Prayer observance beginning at 7 p.m. Churches co-sponsoring the event include: St. Giles Episcopal Church, Lakeview Covenant Church, Northbrook Covenant Church, Gloria dei Evangelical Lutheran Church, Village Presbyterian Church, Northbrook United Methodist Church, Northbrook Seventh Day Adventist Church, and Our Lady of the Brook Catholic Church, all in Northbrook and Northfield United Methodist Church in Northfield. <a href="https://www.archchicago.org/cardinal-cupichs-news-releases/-/asset\_publisher/8Urnt6JS0nk7/content/archdiocesan-parishes-celebrate-annual-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity?inheritRedirect=false">https://www.archchicago.org/cardinal-cupichs-news-releases/-/asset\_publisher/8Urnt6JS0nk7/content/archdiocesan-parishes-celebrate-annual-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity?inheritRedirect=false</a>

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**12.** What did Zwingli suffer as he preached the truth at Einsiedeln and exposed the apostasies of his church?

The truth was thus carried from hamlet to hamlet, from town to town, and the number of pilgrims to the Virgin's shrine greatly lessened. There was a falling off in the offerings, and consequently in the salary of Zwingli, which was drawn from them. But this caused him only joy as he saw that the power of fanaticism and superstition was being broken. {GC 175.3}

The discussion continued eighteen days. At its close the papists with great confidence claimed the victory. Most of the deputies sided with Rome, and the Diet pronounced the Reformers vanquished and declared that they, together with Zwingli, their leader, were cut off from the church. {GC 184.2}

**13.** What did the authorities of the church do in an attempt to silence Zwingli?

The authorities of the church were not blind to the work which Zwingli was accomplishing; but for the present they forbore to interfere. Hoping yet to secure him to their cause, they endeavored to win him by flatteries; and meanwhile the truth was gaining a hold upon the hearts of the people. {GC 176.1}

14a. What charge did the church leaders give to Zwingli?

The ecclesiastics by whose invitation he came to Zurich were, however, desirous of preventing any innovations, and they accordingly proceeded to instruct him as to his duties. "You will make every exertion," they said, "to collect the revenues of the chapter, without overlooking the least. You will exhort the faithful, both from the pulpit and in the confessional, to pay all tithes and dues, and to show by their offerings their affection to the church. You will be diligent in increasing the income arising from the sick, from masses, and in general from every ecclesiastical ordinance."... You should administer the sacraments to none but persons of note, and only when called upon; you are forbidden to do so without distinction of persons." {GC 176.2} {GC 176.3}

**14b.** Describe the two movements as they are contrasted.

Every sin had its price, and men were granted free license for crime if the treasury of the church was kept well filled. **Thus the two movements advanced,--one offering forgiveness of sin for money, the other forgiveness through Christ,-- Rome licensing sin and making it her source of revenue;** the Reformers condemning sin and pointing to Christ as the propitiation and deliverer. {GC 178.3} **14c.** What Bible subjects did Zwingli dwell upon?

Zwingli had arrived at a clearer understanding of its truths, and had more fully experienced in himself its renewing power. The fall of man and the plan of redemption were the subjects upon which he dwelt. "In Adam," he said, "we are all dead, sunk in corruption and condemnation." --Wylie, b. 8, ch. 9. "Christ . . . has purchased for us a never-ending redemption. . . . His passion is . . . an eternal sacrifice, and everlastingly effectual to heal; it satisfies the divine justice forever in behalf of all those who rely upon it with firm and unshaken faith." Yet he clearly taught that men are not, because of the grace of Christ, free to continue in sin. "Wherever there is faith in God, there God is; and wherever God abideth, there a zeal exists urging and impelling men to good works."--D'Aubigne, b. 8, ch. 9. {GC 180.1}

**15a.**What did the Bishop of Constance accused Zwingli of?

Step by step the Reformation advanced in Zurich. In alarm its enemies aroused to active opposition... Accordingly the bishop of Constance dispatched three deputies to the Council of Zurich, accusing Zwingli of teaching the people to transgress the laws of the church, thus endangering the peace and good order of society. If the authority of the church were to be set aside, he urged, universal anarchy would result. Zwingli replied that he had been for four years teaching the gospel in Zurich, "which was more quiet and peaceful than any other town in the confederacy." "Is not, then," he said, "Christianity the best safeguard of the general security?" {GC 180.3} 15b. What did Zwingli preach in response?

Here, as at Einsiedeln, he presented the word of God as the only infallible authority and the death of Christ as the only complete sacrifice. "It is to Christ," he said, "that I desire to lead you--to Christ, the true source of salvation." Around the preacher crowded the people of all classes, from statesmen and scholars to the artisan and the peasant. With deep interest they listened to his words. He not only proclaimed the offer of a free salvation, but fearlessly rebuked the evils and corruptions of the times. Many returned from the cathedral praising God. "This man," they said, "is a preacher of the truth. He will be our Moses, to lead us forth from this Egyptian darkness." {GC 177.1}

15c. Read John 15:1 and The Desire of Ages, page 675.1

**16.** What did the deputies of the church say in order to crush the influence of the Reformation? How did Zwingli define who was in the church?

The deputies had admonished the councilors to continue in the church, out of which, they declared, there was no salvation. Zwingli responded: "Let not this accusation move you. The foundation of the church is the same Rock, the same Christ, that gave Peter his name because he confessed Him faithfully. In every nation whosoever believes with all his heart in the Lord Jesus is accepted of God. Here, truly, is the church, out of which no one can be saved." As a result of the conference, one of the bishop's deputies accepted the reformed faith. {GC 181.1}

17a. What condition must meet, in order for Jesus to make us fishers of men? Matthew 4:19

17b. Meditate upon the following scriptures: Luke 5:9-11; Luke 5:27; Matthew 16:21-24; Matthew 19:21; John 21:18,19