

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR BACKGROUND TO THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans: We are saved through faith.

Romans 3 Human sin and depravity; justification through faith and not through observance of the Law.

Romans 4 Abraham was saved through faith not through the Law (circumcision).

Romans 7 Human beings as inherently sinful, depraved.

Romans 8 Predestination?

Romans 12 But Paul insists on good Christian behavior.

Ephesians 2: 8-10. Grace as God's free gift.

Galatians 1: 15-16

Works

James 2: 14-26 Faith without works is dead.

Matthew 25: 31-46. Separate the sheep from the goats.

1 Corinthians 13 "...and the greatest of these is love."

Matthew 16: 15-20 The commission to Peter; the authority of the Church.

The Eucharist

Mark 14: 22-25; Luke 22: 19-23

John 6: 52-58.

1 Corinthians 11: 20-34.

Other sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: James 5: 13-15.

Penance: Matthew 16: 19.

Purgatory

2 Maccabees 12: 41-45. It is a worthy thing to pray for the dead.

2 Maccabees 15: 12-15. It is worthwhile for the righteous dead to pray for the living.

The Virgin Mary (Optional)

Luke 1: 21-38; Luke 2: 1-7.

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