

Mt. View Epistles

Greetings Mt. View kids!

This Sunday, October 25th is a special festival in the church. Do you know what it's called?

Reformation

That's a big word... let's look at what it means. To reform something means to make it new. You take away what wasn't working and make changes so that it works better. For example, your teachers might 'reform' how your desks are set up in the classroom to help the class work better together. There are a lot of things that we can reform – even the church.

About 500 years ago there was a big reforming of the church. One of the changes it brought was to tell people there is nothing we need to do to earn God's love – it is always there for you.

There are a lot of things we do earn:

-) At school, you have to earn your grades
-) At work, your parents earn money

But God's love is one thing that we never have to earn! Jesus became human and lived among people so that we might know how much God loves us, and that God will do anything – even die on a cross – to show that love for us.

So this Reformation Sunday, remember God's love for you is a free gift! You don't need to do anything to earn it.

Inside your letter should be a sticker – find a fun place to put that to remind you of God's great love for you. And knowing that you are loved and cared for, remember that you can love and care for others, as Jesus always sought to do.

Shalom until next time,

Pastor Bri