The background is a detailed painting in a Reformation style. On the left, a man in a black cap and robe holds a hammer, appearing to work on a stone wall. On the right, two other men in similar attire look on with serious expressions. The overall tone is historical and solemn.

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

WHY THE REFORMATION STILL MATTERS



How are we made Right with God? Doctrine of JUSTIFICATION

Romans 1:17

*‘For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,
as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

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FAULTY DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION
Faith + Good Works = Salvation



FAULTY DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

1. Sacraments

a. Eucharist (Communion)

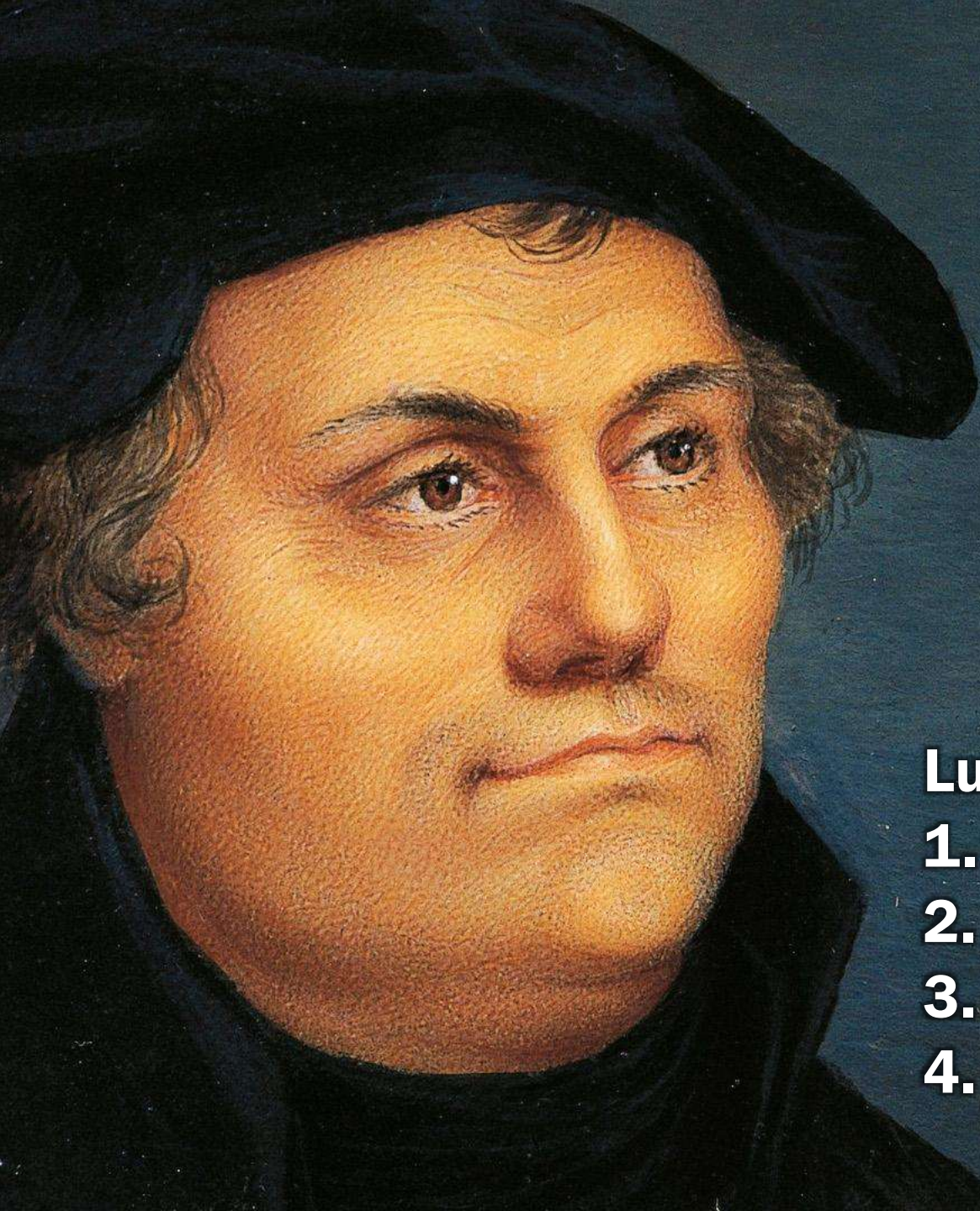
b. Penance (Confession)

2. Purgatory

3. Indulgences

4. Saints

5. Church Authority



LUTHER'S RESPONSE

Be the Best Monk ever!

Luther Knew:

- 1. God was Perfectly Righteous**
- 2. He had to be Perfectly Righteous**
- 3. He could never be Perfectly Righteous**
- 4. He saw God as Cruel Judge & hated Him**

A photograph of a church interior, showing rows of wooden pews in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, there are stained glass windows with colorful designs, and a large wooden cross is visible on the wall. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a serene atmosphere.

HOW COULD THEY BE SO WRONG?

**52% of U.S. Protestants believe we need Faith
PLUS works AND church to be Saved!**



LUTHER'S GREAT RE-DISCOVERY

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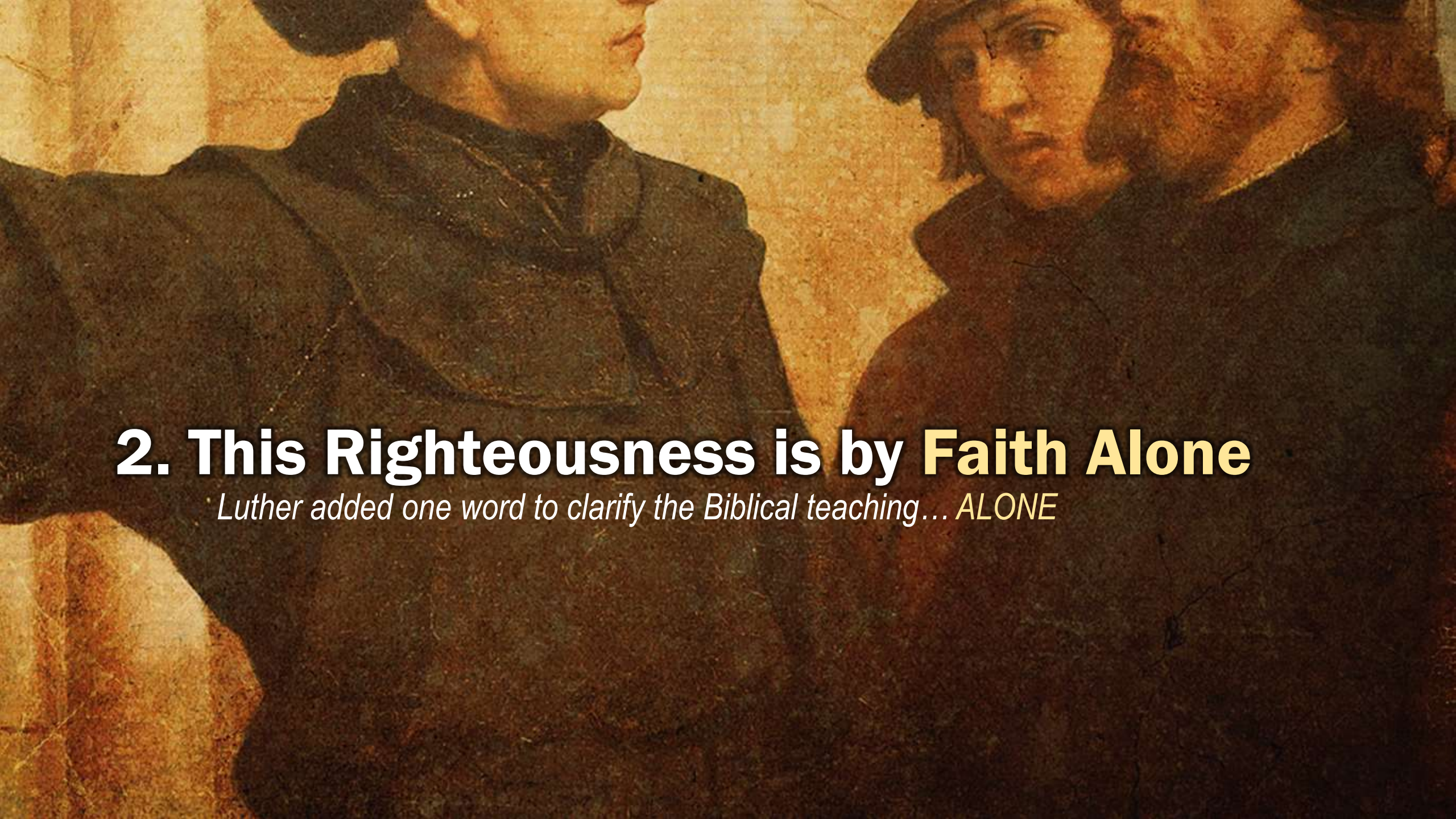
1. This Righteousness is a Gift of God

There is a Righteousness OF God and a Righteousness FROM God

Christ's Righteousness

Alien Righteousness

Passive Righteousness



2. This Righteousness is by Faith Alone

Luther added one word to clarify the Biblical teaching... ALONE

The background is a classical painting featuring two figures. On the left, a figure is shown in profile, wearing a dark, high-collared garment. On the right, another figure is shown from the chest up, wearing a similar dark garment and a cap, looking towards the left. The painting has a warm, aged tone with visible brushstrokes and texture.

3. This Righteousness is **Imputed to us**

Imputation: When you attribute, ascribe, or transfer something to another



4. This Righteousness begins to make us Righteous

Simul iustus et Peccator = 'At the same time righteous & sinner'



Justified by Faith Alone

Justification is the act of God's free grace wherein He pardons all our sins & declares us as righteous in His sight because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone

LUTHER

Legal/Forensic Act

Image of Law Court

alien righteousness of Christ

Imputed

By Faith Alone

An Assured future

CHURCH

Healing Act

image of a Hospital

inherent righteousness within us

Infused

begun by faith completed by works

an Uncertain future



IMPLICATIONS

Justified by Jesus
by Grace Alone
through Faith Alone

New Status
New Heart
New Creation
New Identity
New Desires

New Power
New Freedom
New Life
New Mind
New Community