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About This Special Issue

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, when the message of salvation through Christ alone was heard by many for the first time. Light spread not only through the teachings of the great Reformers, but through God’s Word itself, as the Bible became available in common languages and people could read the truth for themselves.

It is fitting that our Week of Prayer readings in 2017 focus on “Christ Our Righteousness,” for there is truly “no other name under heaven . . . by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Ellen White expressed this thought beautifully during a General Conference session when she said, “The only way in which men will be able to stand firm in the conflict is to be rooted and grounded in Christ. . . . The preaching of Christ crucified, Christ our righteousness, is what satisfies the soul’s hunger. When we secure the interest of the people in this great central truth, faith and hope and courage come to the heart.\*

I encourage you this week not only to contemplate these special readings, but also to spend time in God’s Word and prayer as we focus together on “Christ Our Righteousness.” If you have younger ones in the home, be sure to share with them the accompanying children’s readings.

May the Lord bless us as we come together as a world church family to study and pray during this important time of earth’s history.

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\* In *General Conference Daily Bulletin,* Jan. 28, 1893 (see also *Last Day Events* [Nampa, Idaho: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1992], p. 151).