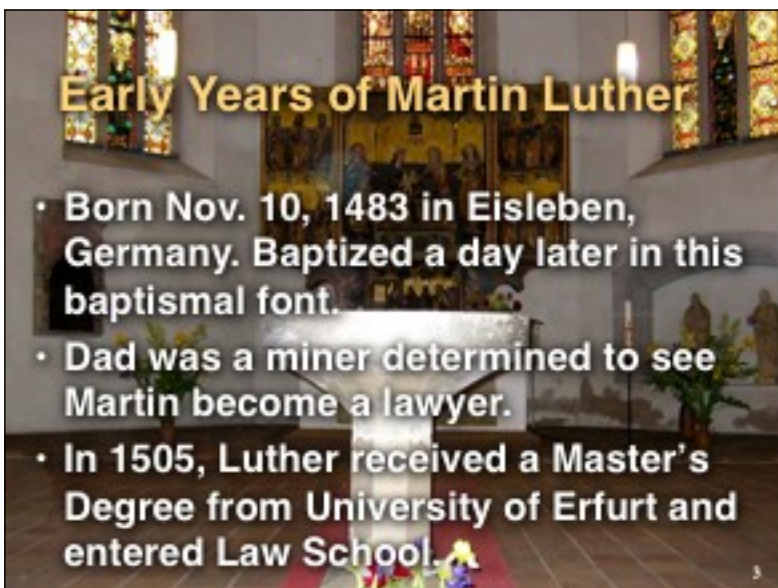




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Life Changing Event

July 2, 1505, a lightning bolt nearly struck Luther riding on horseback.

Terrified of death and divine judgment, he cried out to Saint Ann to save him and promised to become a monk if he lived.

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Keeping His Vow

July 17, Luther left Law School and entered this Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt. His father was furious over the waste of his education.

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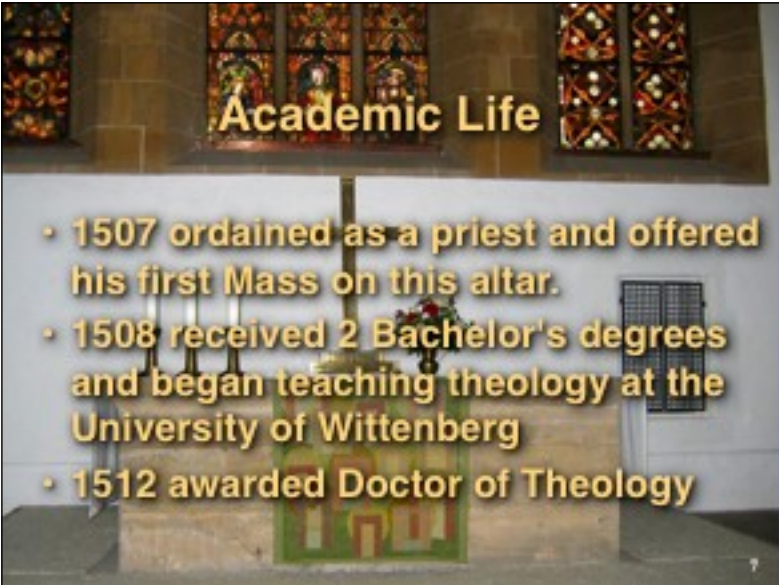
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Luther Could Not Find Peace

"I followed the rules of my order more strictly than I can express. If ever a monk could obtain heaven by his monkish works, I should certainly have been entitled to it. If it had continued much longer, I would have carried my mortifications even to death."

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Academic Life

- 1507 ordained as a priest and offered his first Mass on this altar.
- 1508 received 2 Bachelor's degrees and began teaching theology at the University of Wittenberg
- 1512 awarded Doctor of Theology

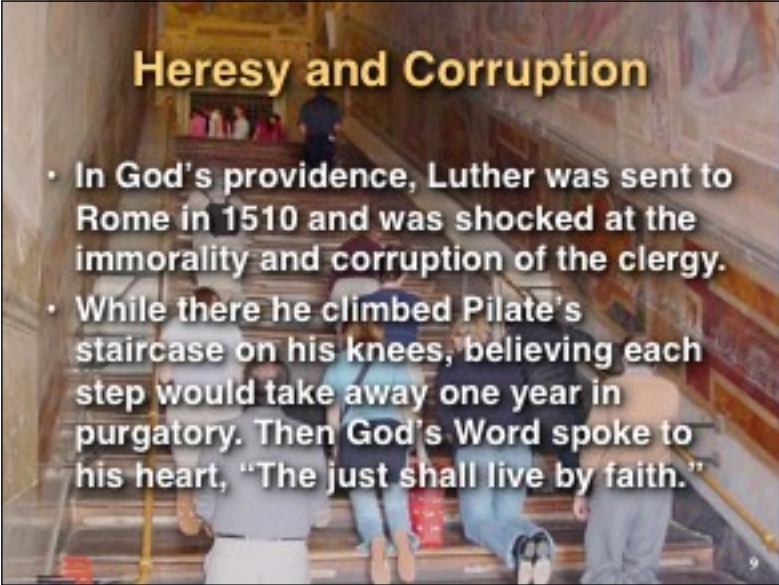
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Luther's Table Talks

His students would join him at this table in Wittenberg for many talks on theology.

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Heresy and Corruption

- In God's providence, Luther was sent to Rome in 1510 and was shocked at the immorality and corruption of the clergy.
- While there he climbed Pilate's staircase on his knees, believing each step would take away one year in purgatory. Then God's Word spoke to his heart, "The just shall live by faith."

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The Sale of Indulgences

In 1516, Pope Leo needed cash to finish St. Peter's Basilica so he raised money by selling indulgences for God's forgiveness. Ironically, this cathedral built to worship God was paid for with the wages of iniquity!

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16th Century Indulgence Box



"As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs." Johann Tetzel

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Relics and Indulgences

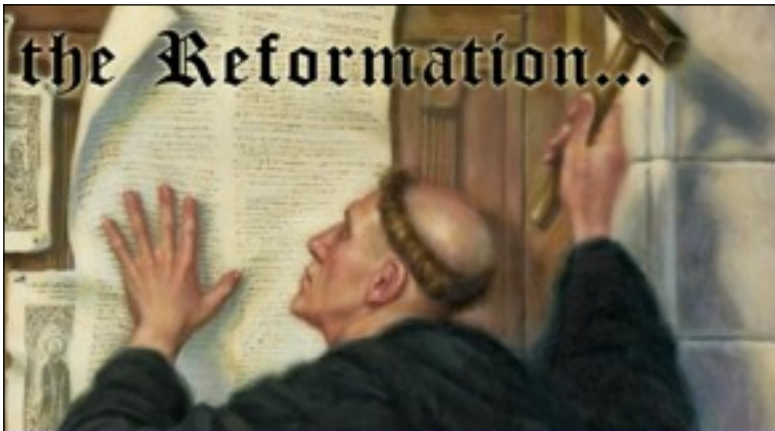
The Castle Church of Wittenberg had over 1900 relics of dead saints on display.

Catholics were granted indulgences for the remission of sins if they viewed the relics and made confession.

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On Oct. 31, 1517, the eve of All Saints Day, when Catholics would be venerating their relics, Luther posted ninety-five theses against indulgences on the door of the Castle church. ¹³

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Icons

Also in the Castle Church was this icon of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit crowning Mary Queen of Heaven.



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Treasury of Merit

The Bank That Can Save The World

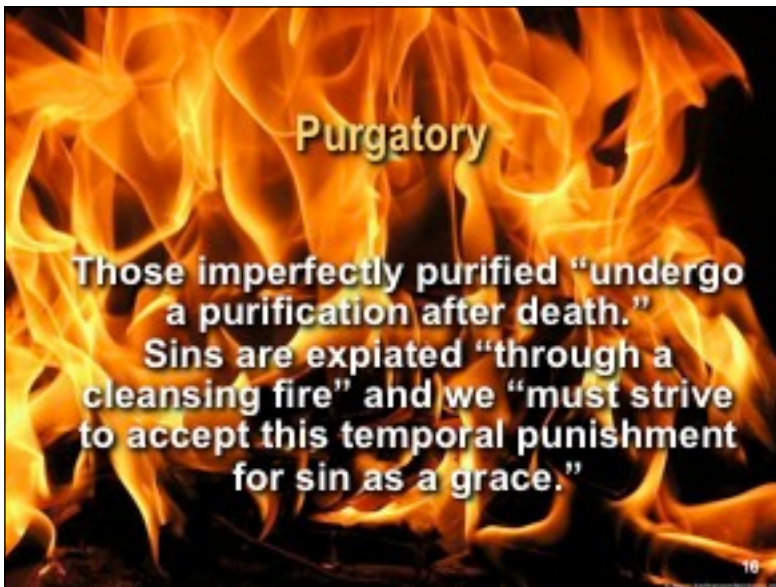


Luther objected to the teaching that merit could be earned while doing good work on earth.

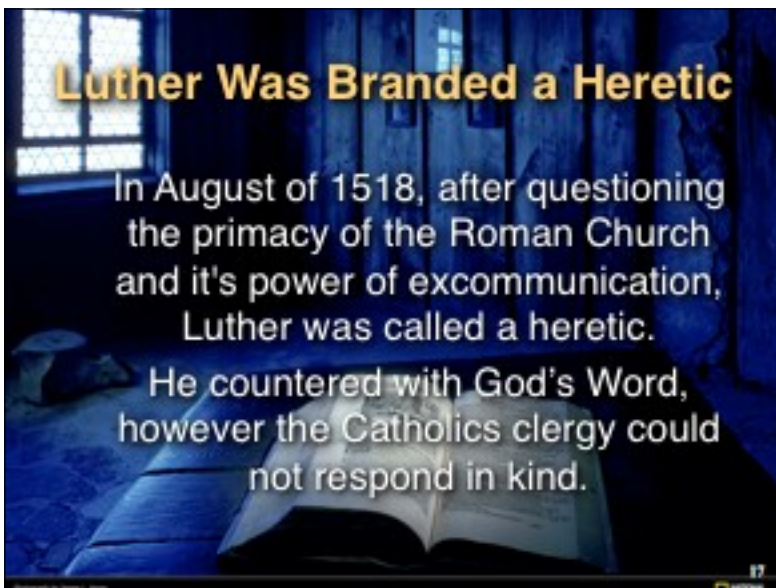
Rome transferred these merits when indulgences were purchased for souls in purgatory.

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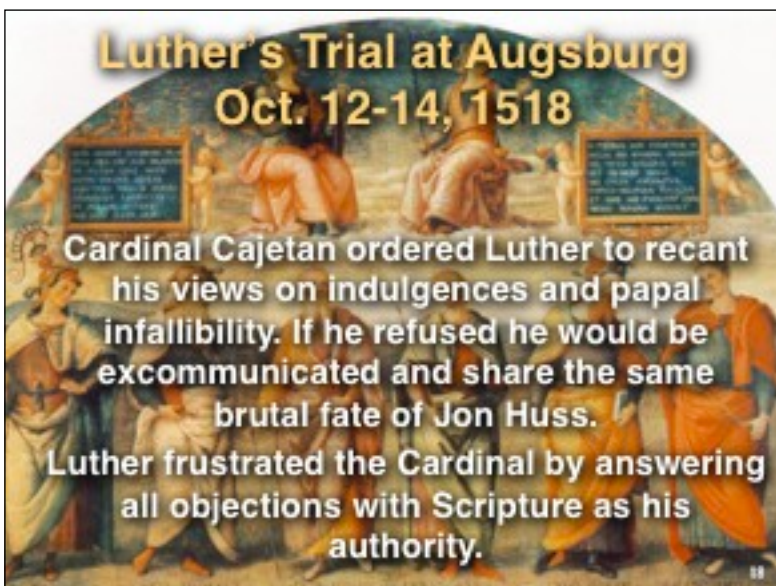
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Events of 1520

- July - Pope Leo X, warns Luther in a papal bull that he will be excommunicated unless he recants. He asks Frederick of Saxony, to take him captive.
- August - Luther appeals to Emperor Charles V, arguing that ecclesiastical authorities should answer to the state.
- October - Luther writes, "Pope Leo's papal bull condemns Christ himself" and he is "certain the pope is the Antichrist."

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Diet of Worms - April, 1521



Charles V and his princes asked Luther to recant his heretical doctrines.

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Luther's Response

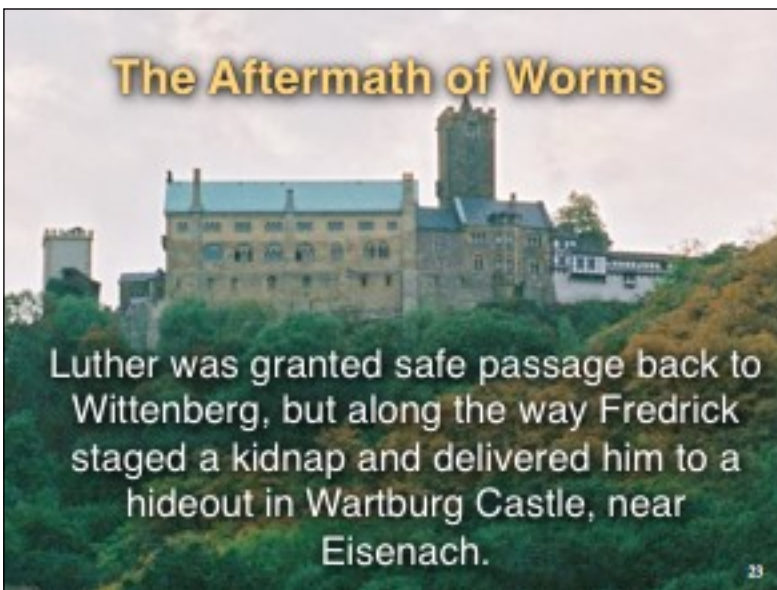
"I cannot submit my faith either to the Pope or to the Councils, because it is clear as day they have frequently erred and contradicted each other. Unless therefore, I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture... I cannot and will not retract... Here I stand, I can do no other. So help me God, Amen"

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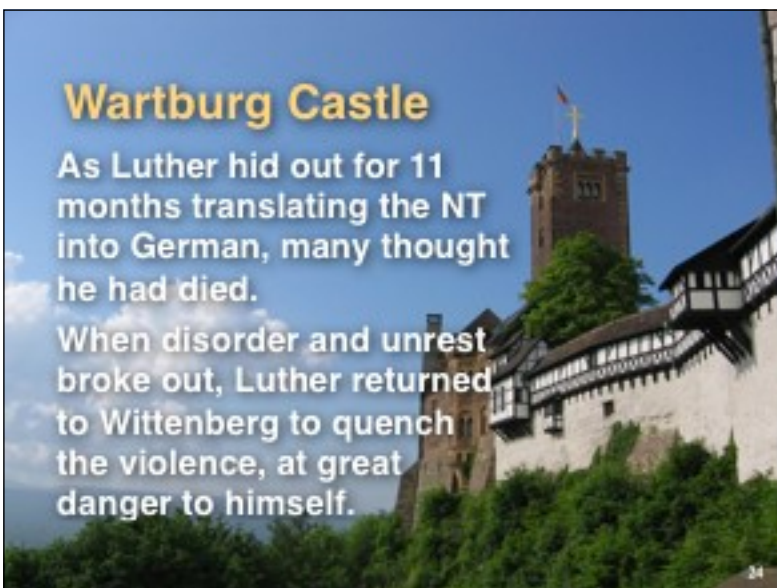
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Katharina von Bora

In 1525 Luther married one of 12 nuns that he had help escape from the convent. They had 6 children plus 4 adopted.

Luther's marriage proved that he was living by Scripture and not by Catholic tradition or his vows.



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Luther's Theology

- He proclaimed justification is entirely the work of God and Christ's righteousness is imputed (rather than infused) through faith.
- His break with Catholicism had more to do with the supreme authority of Scripture than any other doctrine.



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What Can We Learn from Luther

- There can be no higher authority than our almighty, all powerful God and creator, who speaks to us through His infallible Word.
- People fall into serious error and sin when they establish man's authority over God's authority or when they suppress the truth of God's word to promote their own agendas.

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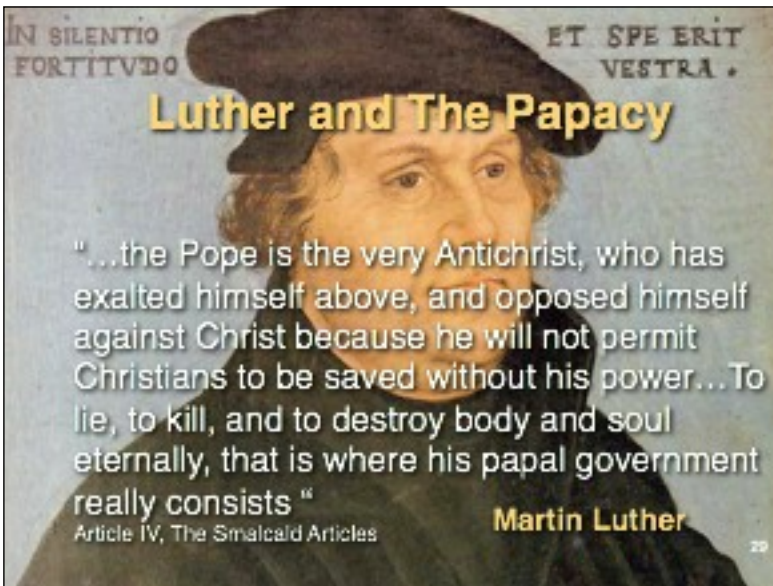
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Luther's Anti-Semitism

- Luther was not anti-semitic as a younger man, even writing in 1523, the importance of being kind to Jews for the sake of evangelism.
- Two decades later, he recommended setting fire to their synagogues and destroying their homes and prayer books.

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A portrait of Martin Luther, a German monk, priest, and theologian. He is wearing a black cap and a dark robe. The background is a light blue-grey color with Latin text at the top: "IN SILENTIO FORTITUDO" on the left and "ET SPE ERIT VESTRA." on the right.

Luther and The Papacy

"...the Pope is the very Antichrist, who has exalted himself above, and opposed himself against Christ because he will not permit Christians to be saved without his power... To lie, to kill, and to destroy body and soul eternally, that is where his papal government really consists"

Article IV, The Smalcald Articles

Martin Luther

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The Vatican's First Attempt to Reverse the Reformation

Luther responded in 1541: "Popish writers pretend that they have always taught, what we now teach, concerning faith and good works, and that they are unjustly accused of the contrary, thus the wolf puts on the sheep's skin till he gains admission into the fold."

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Later Years

The Council of Trent began in December 1545.

Luther died in 1546 at age 62 in Eisleben and is buried beneath the pulpit in the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

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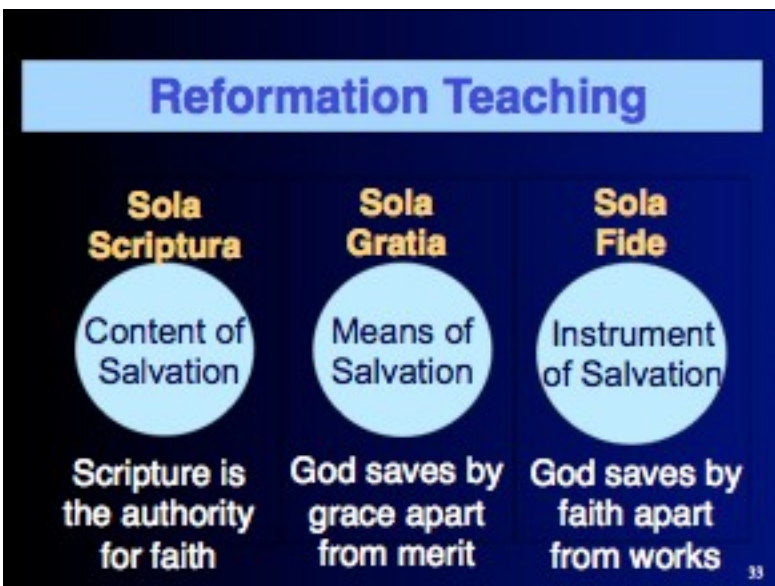


Remember the Reformers' Cry

- Sola Gratia – Grace Alone
- Sola Fide – Faith Alone
- Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone
- Solo Christo – Christ Alone
- Soli Deo Gloria – Glory of God Alone

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"If anyone says that the sinner is **justified by faith alone**, meaning nothing else is required to cooperate in order to obtain the grace of justification...let him be anathema."

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Faith

Justification is by Faith Alone

- "...we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law" (Rom. 3:28)
- "...having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

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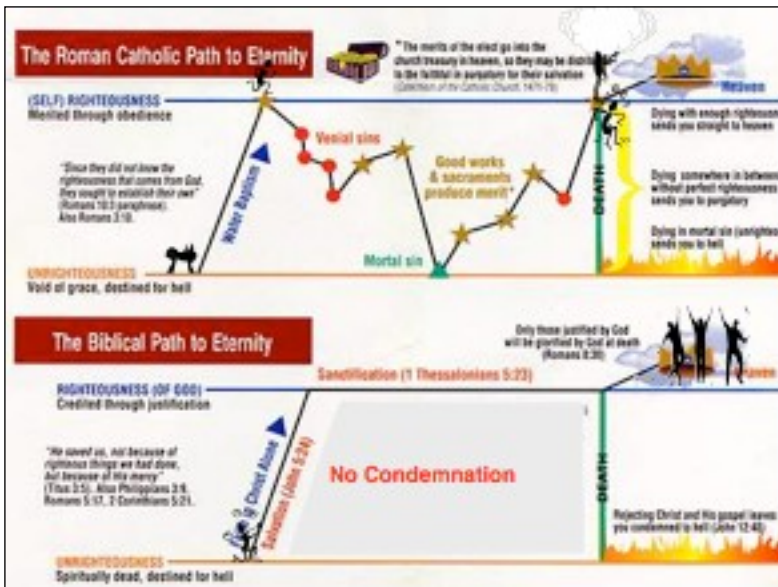
Opposing Views of Justification

| Roman Catholics | Reformers |
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| • It is by grace + merit | • It is by grace alone |
| • It is a process - righteousness is infused | • It is instantaneous - righteousness is imputed |
| • The duration of justification is temporal - lost by sin | • The duration of justification is eternal - never undone by sin |
| • God justifies those who are good | • God justifies the ungodly (Rom. 4:5) |



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The Recent Strategy to Reverse the Reformation

- Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism - 1965
- Evangelicals and Catholics Together Accords - 1990's
- Manhattan Declaration - 2009

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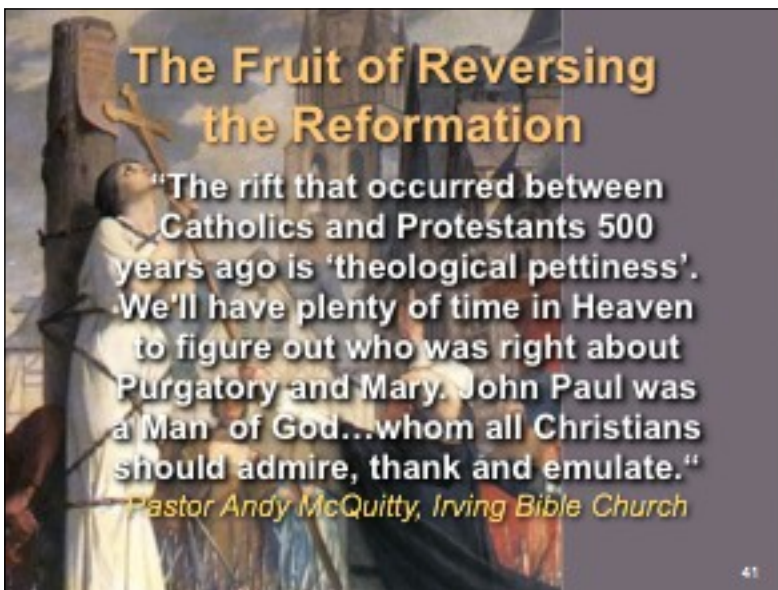
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Reversing the Reformation

1999 Lutheran World Federation signed an accord with Catholics on the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification in St. Ann's Church in Augsburg.

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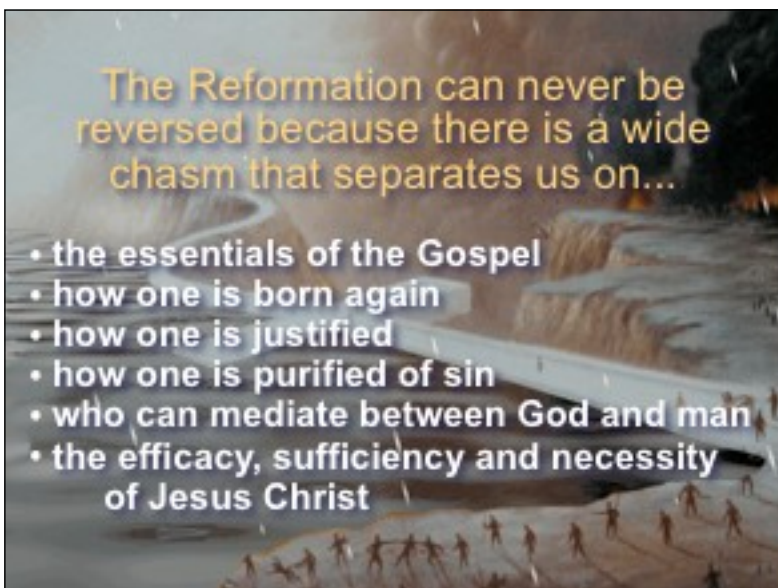


The Fruit of Reversing the Reformation

"The rift that occurred between Catholics and Protestants 500 years ago is 'theological pettiness'. We'll have plenty of time in Heaven to figure out who was right about Purgatory and Mary. John Paul was a Man of God...whom all Christians should admire, thank and emulate."

Pastor Andy McQuitty, Irving Bible Church

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The Reformation can never be reversed because there is a wide chasm that separates us on...

- the essentials of the Gospel
- how one is born again
- how one is justified
- how one is purified of sin
- who can mediate between God and man
- the efficacy, sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ

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"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not professing Christ, however boldly I may be confessing Him. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved."

Martin Luther

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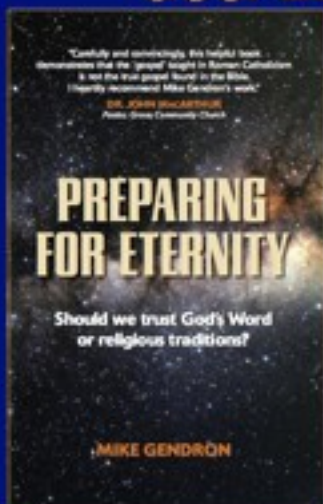
What Did the Reformation Teach Us?

- Test every teaching with Scripture.
- Seek the approval of God over the approval of men.
- Stand firm against the pressure to compromise. Be willing to stand alone.
- Contend earnestly for the faith.
- Evangelize those who are deceived by religious deception.

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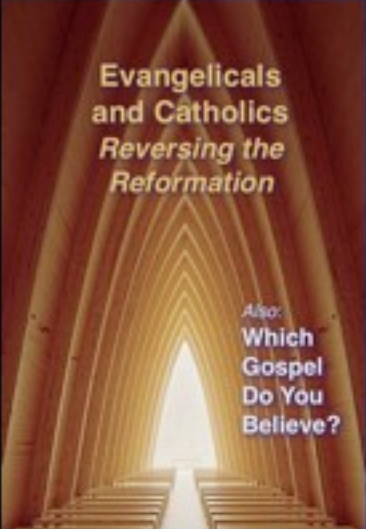


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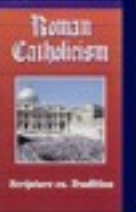

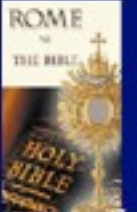
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