

# The Protestant Reformation (1521-1579)

An Overview



Life of Martin Luther and the Heroes of the Reformation!

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# A Time for Reformation

# The Wording

- Protestant?
  - **Protest:** objection, disapproval
- Reformation?
  - **Reform:** improve, amend, correct, re-align, change back, form again

# REFORMation

- What was the target of the Reform?
  - Roman Catholic Church
    - International church of the Middle Ages
    - Holy Roman Empire



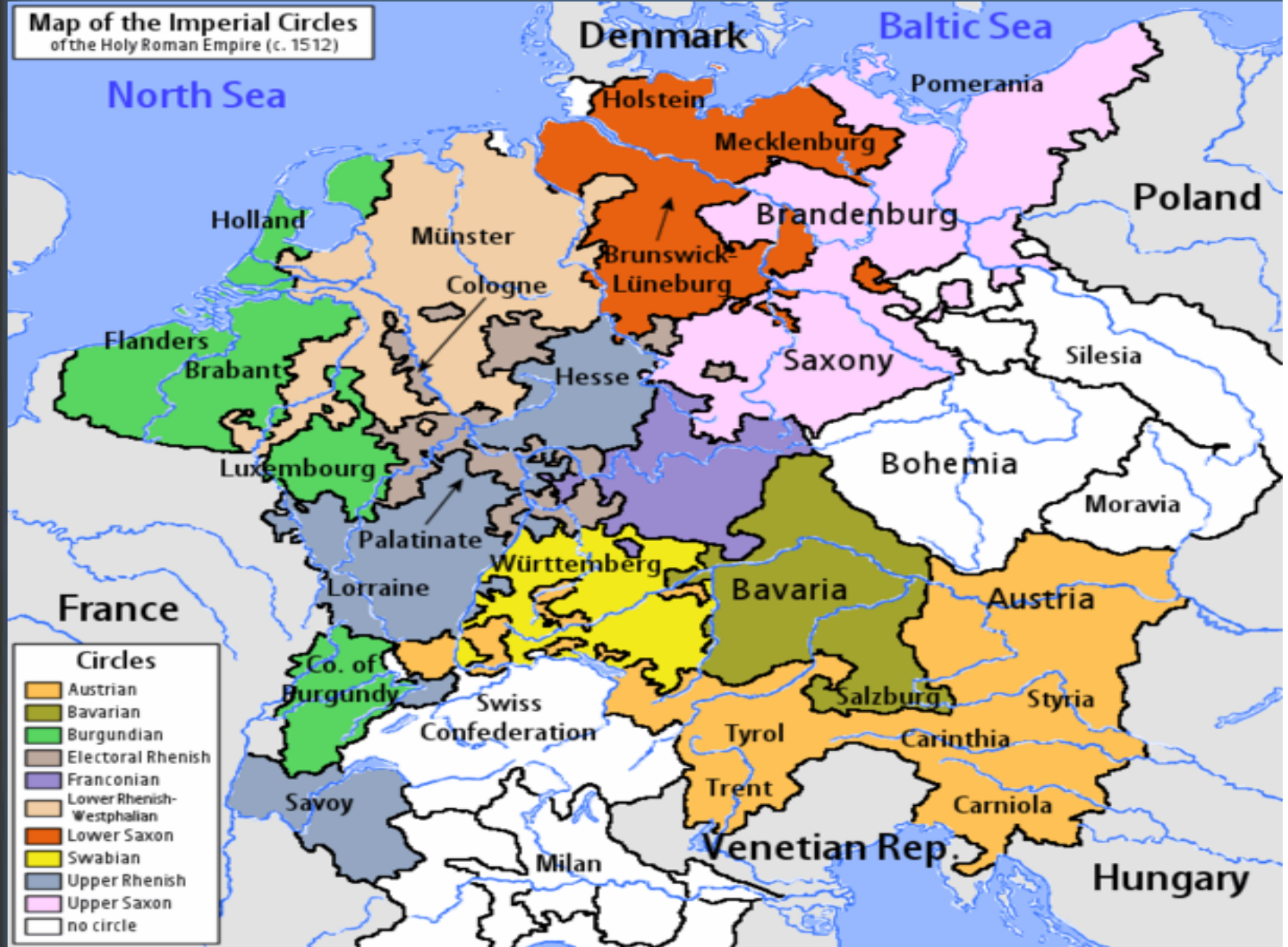


Holy Roman Empire c. 1500s



Holy Roman Empire c.1600s

Map of the Imperial Circles of the Holy Roman Empire (c. 1512)



Holy Roman Empire, Imperial Circles c.1512





Europe after Holy Roman Empire

# REFORMation

- What was the target of the Reform?
  - Religious Teaching
    - “Attempt to return to the early purity of the Christianity of the New Testament” (Carins 270)
  - Politics
    - Remove Church owned land
    - Remove Church issued taxes
    - Returned all decisions to the King & Queens
  - Education
    - Allowance of Scientific Method
      - Church previously taught: earth was flat, geocentric, etc

# PROTESTant

- What was being Protested?
  - Control of the Pope
    - Binding people's consciences
    - Denying entrance to heaven for whole countries
  - Purgatory
    - Church teaching of a place after death where people can work off their sins
  - Indulgences
    - Think “Get out of Purgatory Free” card
    - Left over goodness and merit from Jesus and the saints
    - Being used as a “license to sin”



# What are Indulgences?

An indulgence is the extra-sacramental remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which remission is granted by the Church in the exercise of the power of the keys, through the application of the superabundant merits of Christ and of the saints, and for some just and reasonable motive...

Catholic Encyclopedia

# What are Indulgences?

- Not a permission to commit sin
- Not a pardon of future sin
- Not the forgiveness of the guilt of sin
- Only granted by the pope
- More complete payment of the debt which the sinner owes to God

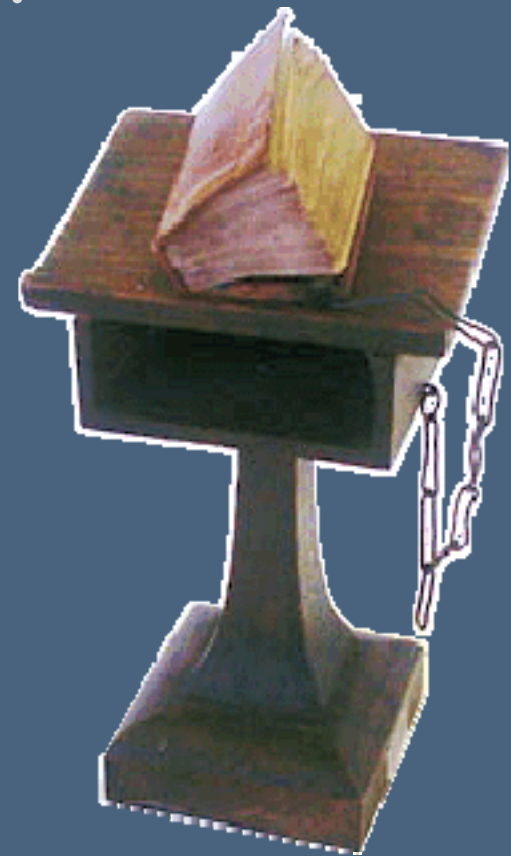
Catholic Encyclopedia

# PROTESTant

- What was being Protested?
  - Why people go to heaven
    - Church taught salvation was Christ + Church
      - Christ work on the cross
      - 7 sacraments (eg. infant baptism, marriage, last rite)
      - Work out temporary sins in purgatory

# PROTESTant

- What was being Protested?
  - Control of the Bible
    - Chained in churches
    - Only in Latin





# Volatile Times

- Geographical Change
  - Round Earth Proven
  - New World Discoveries
- Political Change
  - Emerging Nation States
- Economic Change
  - New World Treasures
  - Cost of Living



# Volatile Times

- Social Change
  - Individualism
  - Middle Class
- Intellectual Change
  - Humanism (Erasmus)
  - Renaissance
- Religious Change
  - Negativity of Crusades
  - People skeptical of Church

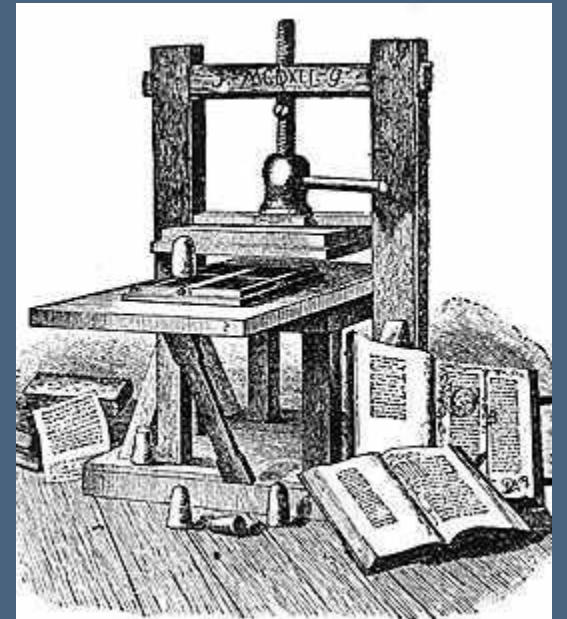




Troubled Church in a Sea of Discontent  
The Warder Collection

# Printing Press

- Moveable Type
  - technology from China
- Invited by Johannes Gutenberg
  - c.1450s
  - Mainz, Germany
  - 240 copies an hour
- Publications
  - Gutenberg Bible
  - 95 Theses!



# Fighting Words of the Reformation

# Flags of the Reformation

- Sola Scriptura
  - Scripture Alone
    - Bible is inspired not traditions
- Sola Gratia
  - Grace Alone
    - Salvation is an undeserved gift
- Sola Fide
  - Faith Alone
    - Not by works / church
- Solo Christo
  - Christ Alone
    - No need for pope to mediate
- Soli Deo Gloria
  - To God Alone be the Glory!

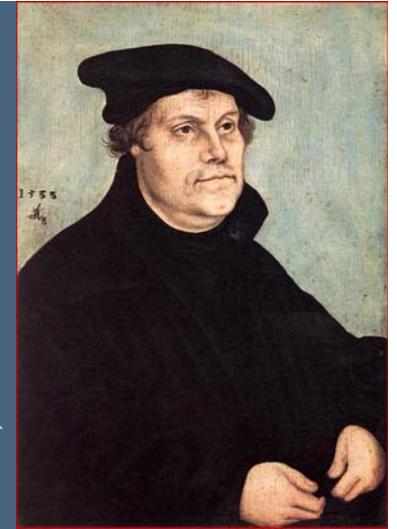


# Reformation in Germany



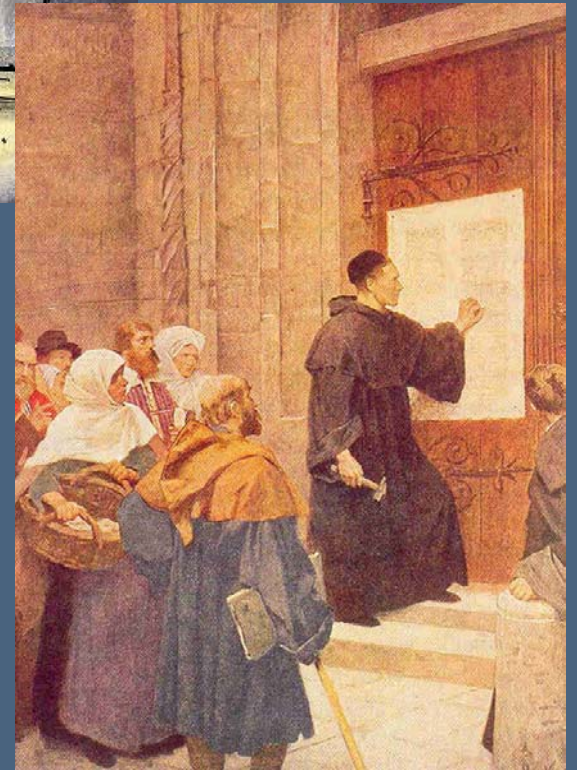
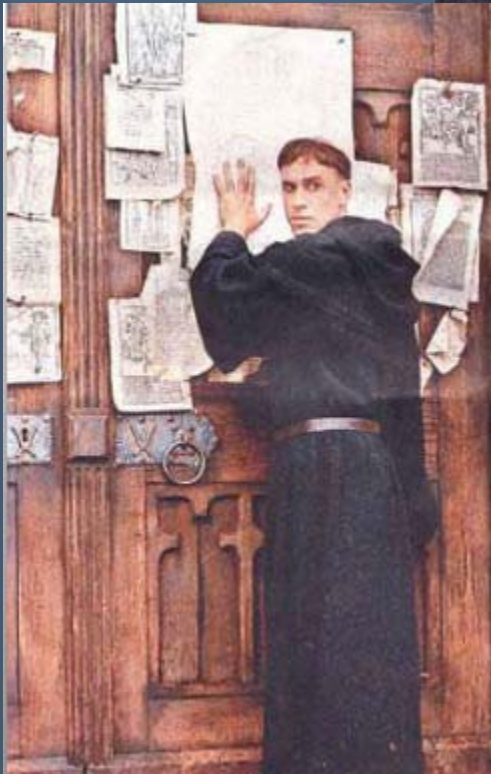
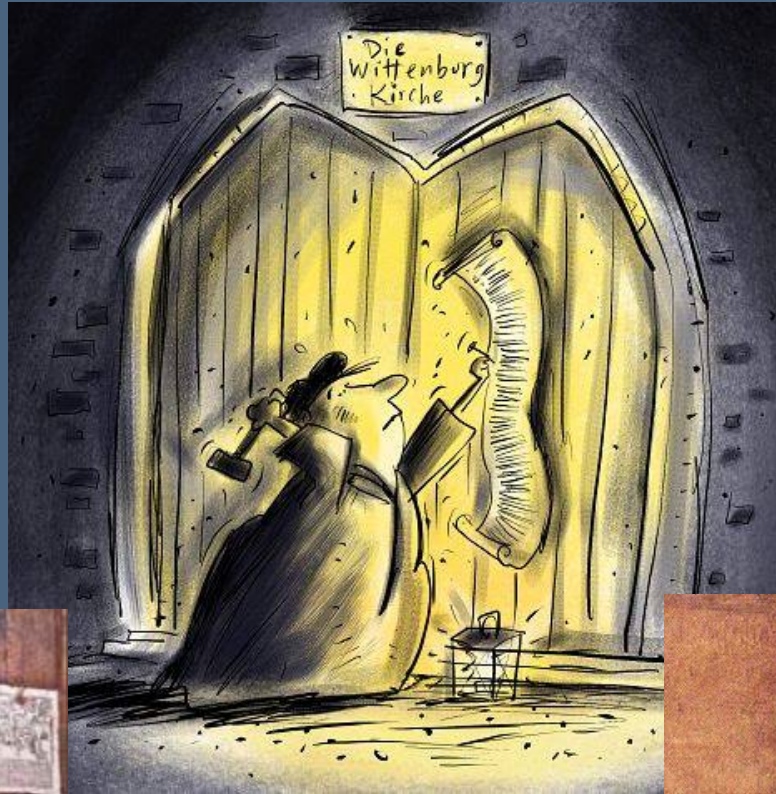
# Martin Luther

(1483–1546)



- Catholic Priest / Augustinian monk
- Professor of Bible at Wittenberg
- Father of the Reformation
- Inspired Lutheranism
- Posted the 95 Theses / Arguments on Wittenberg Castle Church door 1517
  - Subject pope's abuse of power
  - Sale of indulgences







Wittenberg Castle Church Door



Reproduction of Luther's 95 Theses in Wittenberg Castle Church Door

# Major Concepts of 95 Theses

- Outward acts do not demonstrate inner repentance
- Repentance is a work of the heart, not a "act" one performs
- Love and charity are more valuable to a person than an indulgence
- Indulgences do not free people from the penalties of sin

# Major Concepts of 95 Theses


- The Pope does not have the authority to remit the penalties of sin
- Indulgences demonstrate that the Church is no longer "fishing for men" - instead they are "fishing for riches"
- More time should be spent on preaching the Word and less on preaching indulgences

# Johann Tetzel

(1465-1519)



- Seller of Indulgences
  - Dominican monk
  - Worked for Archbishop Albert
  - Paid nearly eleven hundred dollars a month plus expenses
  - Famous quote: **"As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs."**

In Vollmacht  aller Heiligen  
und in Erbarmung gegen Dich, absolviere  
Ich Dich von allen Sünden und Missetha-  
ten und erlasse Dir alle Strafen auf zehn  
Tage.  
Johannes Tietzel.

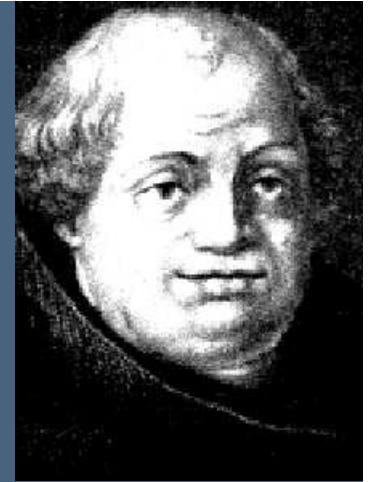
Tetzel Indulgence



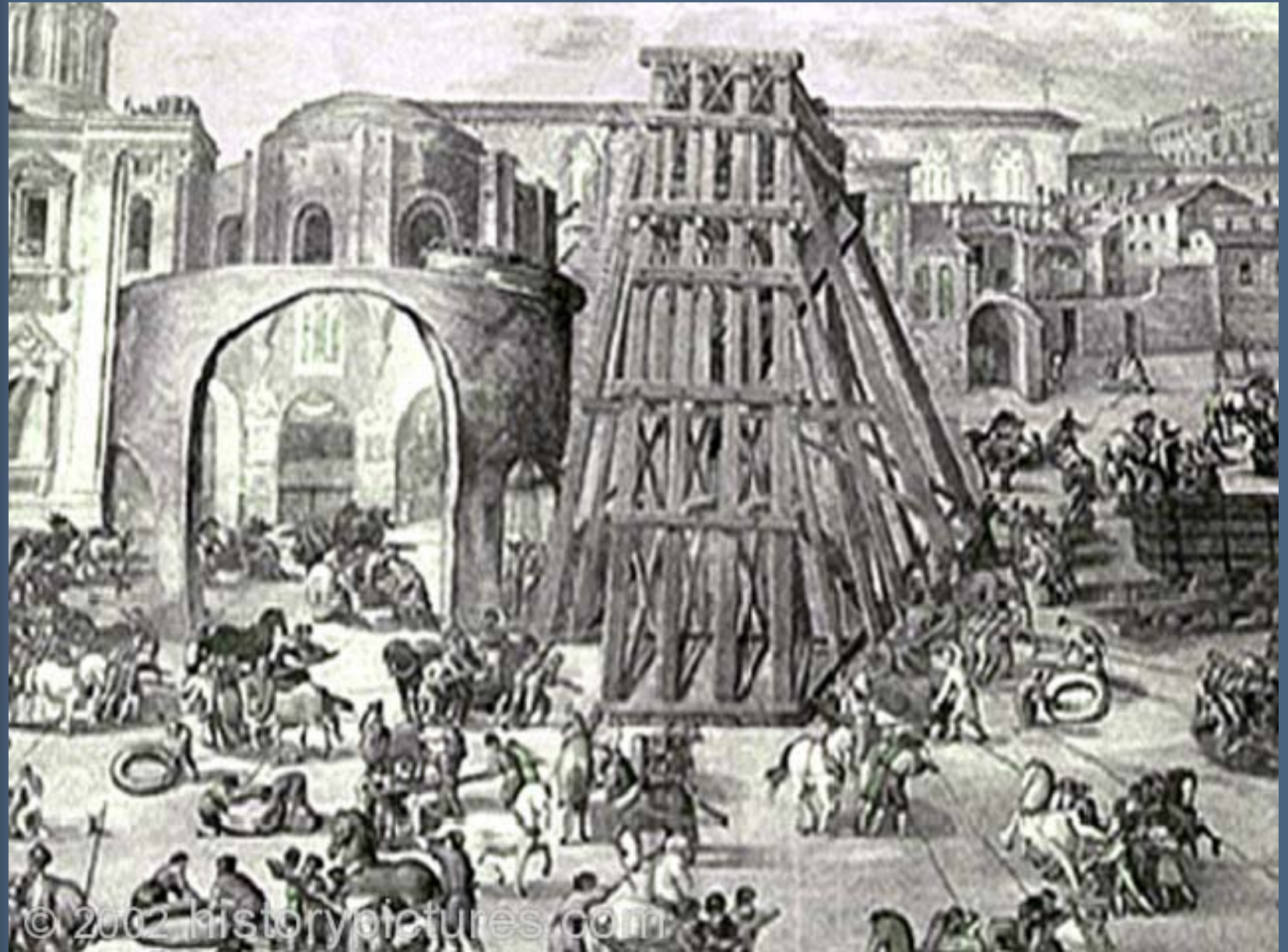
Tetzel Selling Indulgence



# Why did Tetzel Sell Indulgences?



- Background
  - Archbishop Albert of Magdeburg (1490-1545)
    - Prince of the House of Hohenzolern
    - Wanted to be Archbishop of Mainz too
      - Only allowed to hold one position at a time
      - Exception was to pay the pope a large sum of money
  - Pope Leo X (1475-1521)
    - Needed money to continue building Saint Peter's Cathedral / Basilica in Rome



Construction of Papal Basilica of Saint Peter (aka Saint Peter's Cathedral)



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Papal Basilica of Saint Peter (aka Saint Peter's Cathedral)  
Began 1506 - Completed 1626

# Why did Tetzel Sell Indulgences?



- The “convenient” plan
  - Archbishop Albert borrowed large sum of money
    - 21,000 ducats / est. \$3,150,000)
    - From banker Jacob Fuggers
  - Pope authorized sale of indulgences as security to repay loan
    - Pope Leo got half the money from the indulgences
    - Albert got the other half to pay on the loan

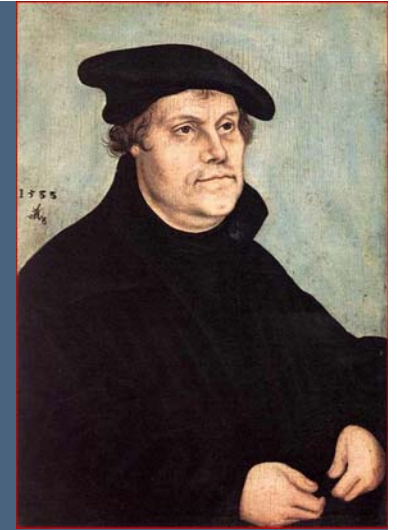
## Why did Tetzel Sell Indulgences?

- Leo X & Albert accomplished their goals
- Tetzel was shunned to live out his life in a monastery



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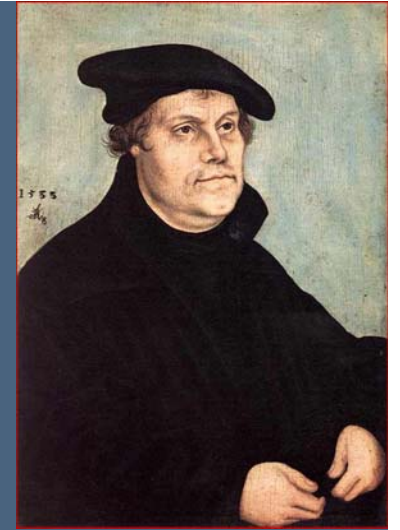


- Wanted to reform / realign church not break from church
  - Argued with Pope Leo X for four years
- Pope Excommunicated Luther
  - Burned Luther's books
  - Luther burned Pope's bull / documents
- Refused to recant at Diet of Worms (1521)
- Kidnapped by friends & hid at Wartburg Castle for his safety
  - Translated Bible into German

# Martin Luther

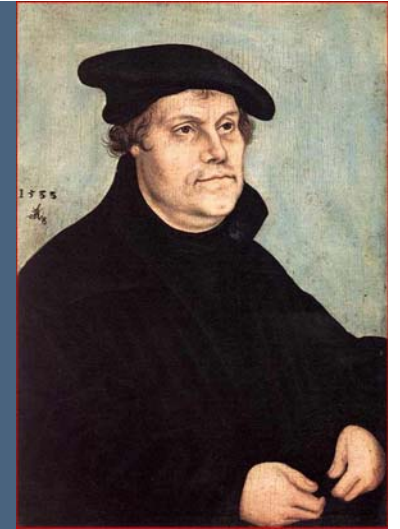
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- Did not support the Peasants Revolt that followed (1525)



# Martin Luther

(1483–1546)



- Famous Quote: “I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other, my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”



# Justification by Faith Alone

- Perplexed by Romans 1:17
  - Where does true faith come from?
  - How does someone become “just”?
- Conclusion: God gives us Faith and makes us Righteous through Jesus
  - Psalm 72



Spread of Lutheranism

# Reformation in Switzerland



# Huldreich Zwingli

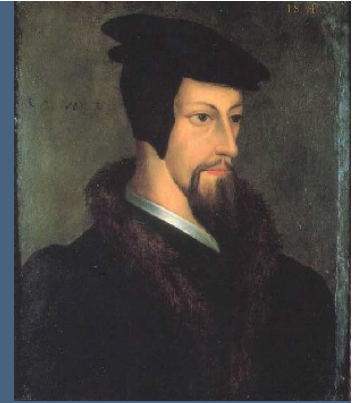
(1484–1531)



- German areas of Northern Switzerland
- Originally a parish priest, chaplain
- Influenced by Erasmus / humanism
- Father of the Radical Reformation
  - Anabaptists – baptize again
    - Amish, Mennonites, General Baptist
    - These groups later broke away
    - Zwinglianism merged with Calvinism (1549)

# John Calvin

(1509-1564)



- French lawyer, theologian, pastor
  - Moved to Geneva, Switzerland to escape persecution
  - Inspired by Zwingli
- Wrote Institutes of the Christian Religion (1536)
  - Resulted in the teaching of Calvinism
  - Doctrine of Grace / Predestination
- Father of Reformed & Presbyterian Churches

# John Calvin (1509-1564)



- Famous Quote: “Man's mind is like a store of idolatry and superstition; so much so that if a man believes his own mind it is certain that he will forsake God and forge some idol in his own brain.”

“A dog barks when his master is attacked. I would be a coward if I saw that God's truth is attacked and yet would remain silent.”

# Five Points of Calvinism



- **T**otal Depravity
  - All ruined by sin
- **U**nconditional Election
  - God chose/elected who would be saved
- **L**imited Atonement
  - Jesus only died for those that would be saved
- **I**rresistible Grace
  - All God calls will be saved
- **P**erseverance of the Saints
  - Those truly saved can not lose their salvation



The Pope as a Target of Calvin & Luther

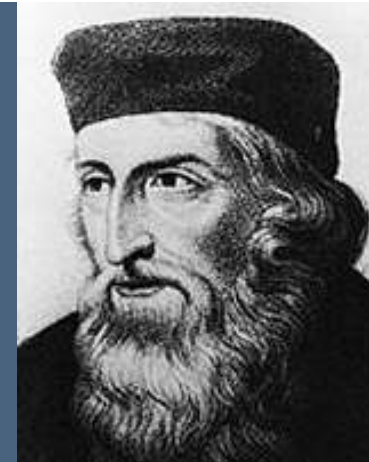


# Reformation in England



# John Wycliffe

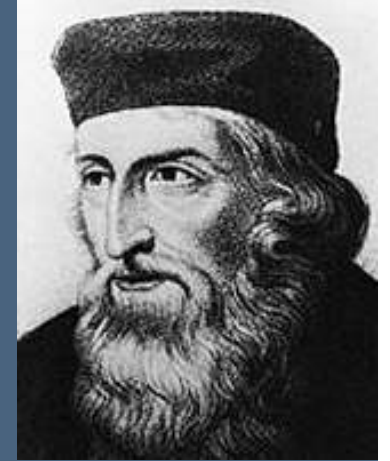
(1324-1384)



- Morning Star of the Reformation
  - 200 years before Luther, Calvin, etc
- Translated the Bible into English
  - Wycliffe Translation
- Inspired a “Spiritual Revolution” in England
  - Lollard Preachers
- Expelled as professor of Oxford by Pope
  - 44 years after his death a Pope ordered his bones dug up and burned!

# John Wycliffe

(1324-1384)



- Famous Quote: “Those Heretics who pretend that the laity do not need to know God's law, and that the things which priests have told them is enough, do not deserve to be listened to. For the Bible is the faith of the Church, and the more widely it becomes known the better it will be. Therefore since the laity should know the faith, it should be taught in whatever language is most easily understood.”

# King Henry VIII

(1491-1547)



- King of England (1509-1547)
- Act of Supremacy (1534) made him head of church in England not the Pope
  - Political reasons not religious
    - Wanted to divorce his wife so he could remarry and try for a son
      - Church would not allow
    - Remarried 5x before having a son
      - Divorced, Beheaded, Died, Divorced, Beheaded, Survived
      - Son: Edwards VI

# Edward VI

(1537– 1553)



- Became King at 9 years old
  - Dies 6 years later of Tuberculosis
- England became more protestant
  - Anglican Church officially recognized
  - Roman traditions stopped
  - Book of Common Prayer Introduced & Used
  - Pope was upset
- Appointed a Protestant heir to the throne
  - Disputed after his death

# Mary I

(1516 –1558)



- Queen of England (1553-1558)
- Returned England back to Roman Catholic
  - Had 300 Protestants burned at the stake
  - Named Bloody Mary
- Tried to secure a Catholic heir to the throne by marrying prince of Spain
  - Failed because she had no kids

# Elizabeth I

(1533-1603)



- Queen of England (1558-1603)
- Restored English Protestant Church
  - Became the Church of England
    - Off shoots: Anglican and Episcopalian
  - Passed Act of Uniformity (1559)
    - Made attendance at church and the use Book of Common Prayer required
    - Resulted in the Separatist
  - Rejected further reform by the Puritans
    - Puritans came to New World (New England)

# Results of the Reformations



# Counter Reformation

- Murdering of Protestants
  - Bloody Mary in England, etc
- Council of Trent (1545-1563)
  - Reforming of Catholic doctrine
    - Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
    - Reaffirms 7 sacraments (faith + good works)
    - Ended any chance to reconcile with Protestants

# Spread of Protestantism



# Exploration

- Religious Freedom in the New World
  - Pilgrims
  - Puritans
  - Huguenots
- Mission
  - Moravians
    - New World
  - “Reformed Catholics”
    - New world
    - Asia

# Enlightenment

- Renaissance
  - Education, Arts, Culture
- Humanism
  - Science
- Politics
  - Nation States and Revolution
  - Middle Class
- Capitalism
  - Protestant Work Ethic

ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK



LUTHER

MUSIC COMPOSED AND CONDUCTED BY RICHARD HARVEY

