

PROTESTANT REFORMATION (Day 2)

Critics before Martin Luther

John Wycliffe

- **England**

Opposed to:

- Church owning land**
- Opposed to power of Church to tax**
- Opposed to Indulgences**

Believed in:

- Salvation by faith alone**
- Reading the Bible**
 - **English**
- Vernacular**

Jan Huss

- **Bohemia**
- **Council of Constance**

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CHRISTIAN HUMANISM

- **Reform society by reforming individuals – STRENGTHEN INNER PIETY**
- **Erasmus**
 - **“laid the egg that Luther hatched”**

MARTIN LUTHER

- **1483**
- **1505 – Thunderstorm – warning from God...promised to become a monk**

As a Monk, Luther went to Rome...appalled!!

- **Immorality, lack of sincerity, LOSS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP**

Wrestled with issue of his salvation...How could a sinner ever cleanse himself enough to please God?

- **Romans 1:17**

†“Salvation by Faith Alone

3 Pillars of Protestant Reformation

- 1) Salvation by Faith Alone**
- 2) Bible is only authority**
- 3) Priesthood of All Believers**

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Luther opposed to selling of Indulgences

•Church said it was stored up “Grace” to get out of Purgatory quicker

•Johann Tetzel

Past sins, future sins, sins of relatives

“As soon as a coin in the coffer rings, a soul from the fires of purgatory springs”

10.31.1517

95 Theses

Symbolic beginning of Protestant Reformation

95 THESES

32. Those who suppose that on account of their letters of indulgence they are sure of salvation will be eternally damned along with their teachers.

36. Every Christian who truly repents has plenary (full) forgiveness both of punishment and guilt bestowed upon him, even without letters of indulgence.

37. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has a share in all the benefits of Christ and the Church, for God has granted him these, even without letters of indulgence.

95 THESES

81. This shameless preaching of pardons makes it hard even for learned men to defend the pope's honor against calumny or to answer the indubitably shrewd questions of the laity.

82. "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love . . . For after all, he does release countless souls for the sake of sordid money contributed for the building of a cathedral? . . ."

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Some German Princes began to “ally” with Luther

- Reduce power of Church**
- End Papal Taxes**
- Take control of Church land**
- Reduce power of Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V**

Pope Leo X offered Luther a position as Cardinal in exchange for his silence

- *“How dare they try and buy me off!”*

1520 Pope Leo X sent “bull” to Luther ordering him to recant

- **Luther burned the bull...they burn my books, I burn theirs**

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1521 **Charles V orders Luther to Diet of Worms to recant...** *“Surely one individual could not call into doubt the tradition of the entire Church?”*

- **LUTHER REFUSED**

“Unless I can be instructed and convinced with evidence from the Holy Scriptures or with open, clear, and distinct ground of reasoning, my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant, because it is neither safe nor wise to act against conscience. I can do no other. Here I stand. God help me. Amen”

Edict of Worms

- Heretic
- Books burned
- Outlaw

Protected by Frederick of Saxony

- Luther wrote under name... *Squire George*
- **3 Pillars of Reformation**
- Clergy could marry
- Vernacular
- Translated Bible into German