WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION?

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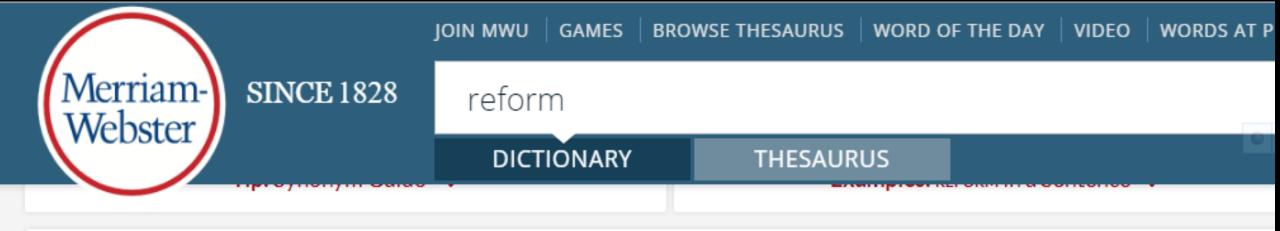


HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

- **1. WHY** was there a need for reformation?
- 2. HOW did the Reformation begin?
- **3. WHO** were these reformers?
- 4. WHAT have we gained from the Reformation?



1. WHY WAS THERE A NEED FOR **REFORMATION?**



Definition of REFORM

transitive verb

- a : to put or change into an improved form or condition
 b : to amend or improve by change of form or removal of faults or abuses
- 2 : to put an end to (an evil) by enforcing or introducing a better method or course of action
- 3 : to induce or cause to abandon evil ways *reform* a drunkard

• God gave His written word to man.



• 2 Timothy 3:16,17 -

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."



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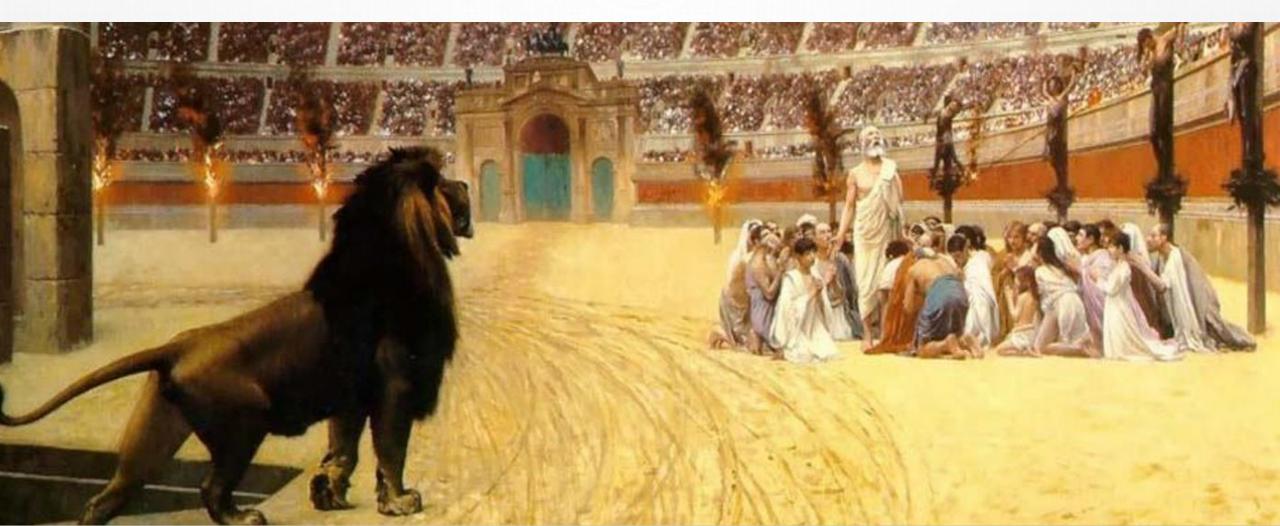
Read and fully understand operator's manual before using this machine.

Failure to follow operating instructions could result in death or serious injury.

 The church grew into a strong spiritual movement.



Church Map at the Time of Jesus Church Map in the 1st Century Church Map in the 2nd Century



AD 380 - THE ROMAN EMPIRE ADOPTS CHRISTIANITY



• God's word was obscured by human traditions...



- SCRIPTURE + Human Traditions
- FAITH + Good Works
- GRACE + Law
- CHRIST + Mary and All the Saints
- GLORY TO GOD + To the Church

• The church was changed into a vast political empire.





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DARKNESS

reigned instead of light.

People were deprived of:

- Direct access to God
- Access to God's Word
- Assurance of salvation
- The hope of immediate entrance to heaven after death

Satan was ultimately behind this change. Ephesians 6:12 – "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world...."



2. HOW DID THE REFORMATION BEGIN?

RESTORATION

God restored His written Word to man.

 Isaiah 59:19 – "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him."

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(1300 - 1700)



Interest in **ancient writings** increased after the Renaissance.



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The invention of the printing press (1440) facilitated their dissemination.

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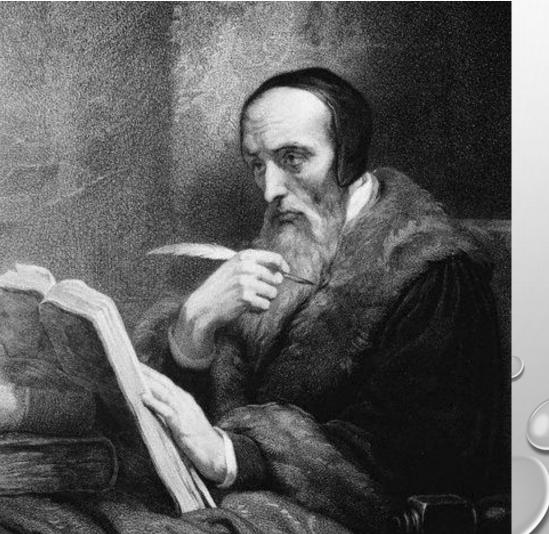
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God's Word was obeyed by some courageous men.





• They were convinced that the **church** needs to be reformed.





• They took a stand against all human traditions.



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The light began to shine once again!



The movement grew stronger despite much opposition.



The Protest of the Princes in 1529



3. WHO WERE THESE REFORMERS?

MARTIN LUTHER FROM GERMANY



Nailing of the 95 Theses in 1517

MARTIN LUTHER FROM GERMANY



 "Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason – 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 I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen. Here I stand, I can do no other."

ULRICH ZWINGLI FROM SWITZERLAND

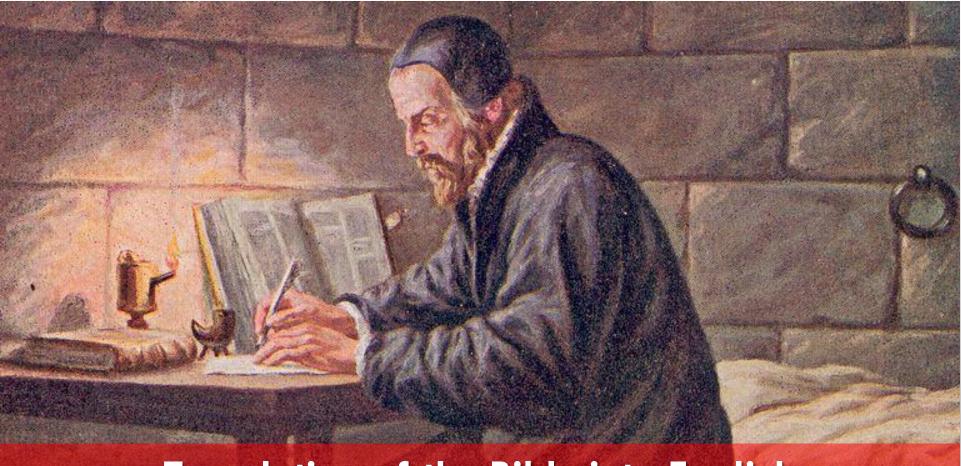






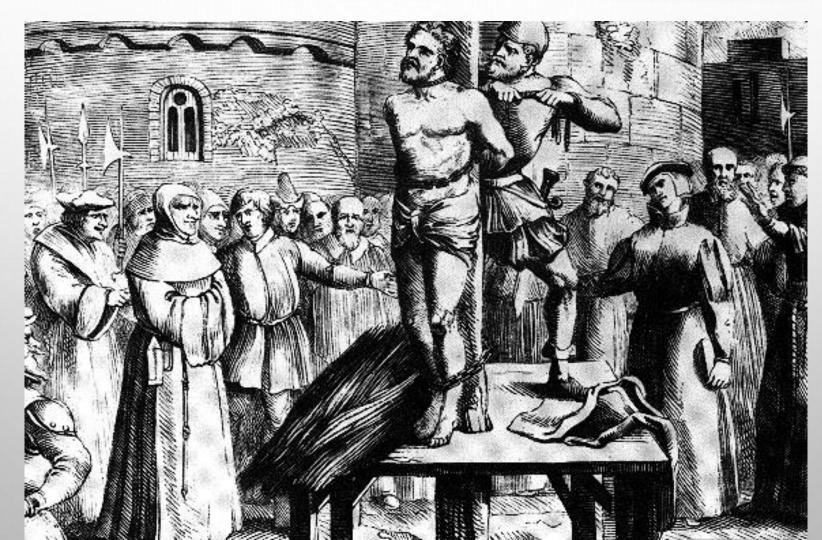
"I beseech Christ for this one thing only, that He will enable me to endure all things courageously, and that He break me as a potter's vessel or make me strong, as it pleases Him."

WILLIAM TYNDALE FROM ENGLAND

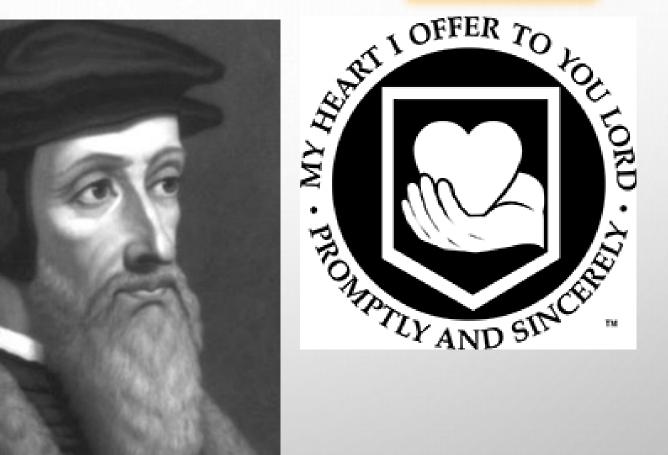


Translation of the Bible into English





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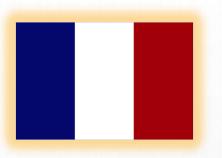
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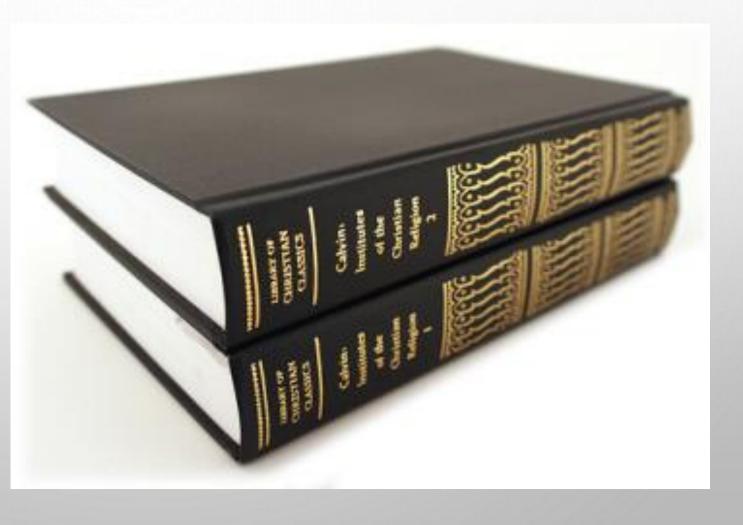
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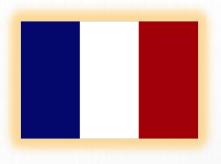
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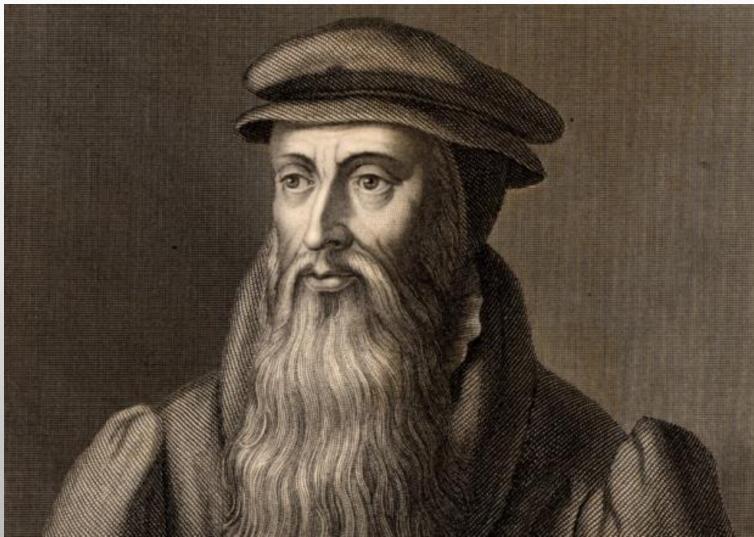
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William Farel and Calvin at Geneva





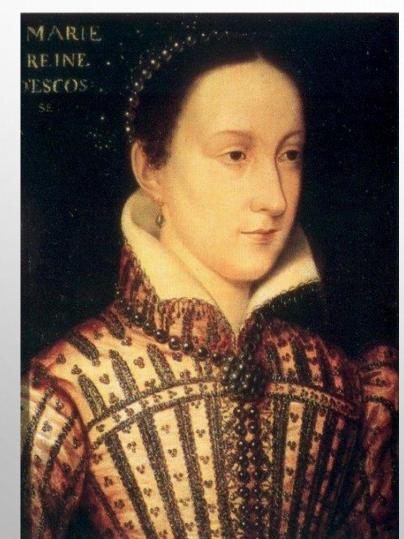












"I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe."

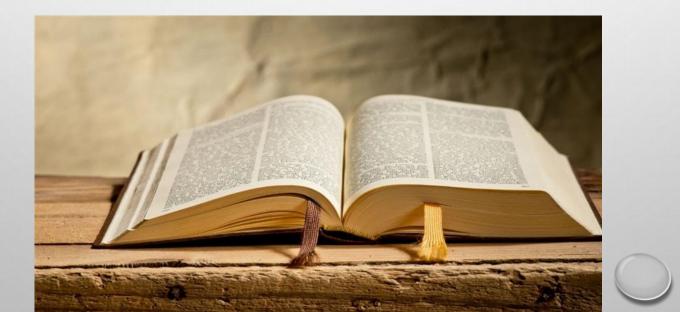
- Mary, Queen of Scots



4. WHAT HAVE WE GAINED FROM THE REFORMATION?



The availability of God's Word in all languages to be read and studied by everyone.



THE BIBLE

 Look at its plain, literal meaning, unless the immediate context clearly indicates otherwise.





MAJOR DOCTRINES

The restoration of five major doctrines from God's Word:

- Grace alone
- Faith alone
- Christ alone
- Scripture alone
- Glory to God alone



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5 Christus [in Christ alone]

Societa Scriptura [according to scripture alone]

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[for the glory of God alone]

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY IN SALVATION

Total Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

rresistible Grace

Perseverance of the Saints

A STATEMENT AT AN INTERRELIGIOUS MEETING

"All religions are paths to God. I will use an analogy, they are like different languages that express the divine. But God is for everyone, and therefore, we are all God's children. "But my God is more important than yours!" Is this true? There is only one God, and religions are like languages, paths to reach God. Some Sikh, some Muslim, some Hindu, some Christian."

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2024/september/documents/20240913-singapore-giovani.html

OUR ROLE AS A CHURCH

The church is able to fulfill its God-given role in the world.

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Philippians 2:15 – "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of god, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, **among whom ye shine as lights in the** world..."