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WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION?

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN SUNDAY


27 OCT 2024

PROTEST





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



SINCE 1828

JOIN MWU

GAMES

BROWSE THESAURUS

WORD OF THE DAY

VIDEO

WORDS AT P

reform

DICTIONARY

THESAURUS

Definition of REFORM

transitive verb

- 1 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

FORMATION

- God gave His written word to man.



FORMATION

- 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.”

FORMATION



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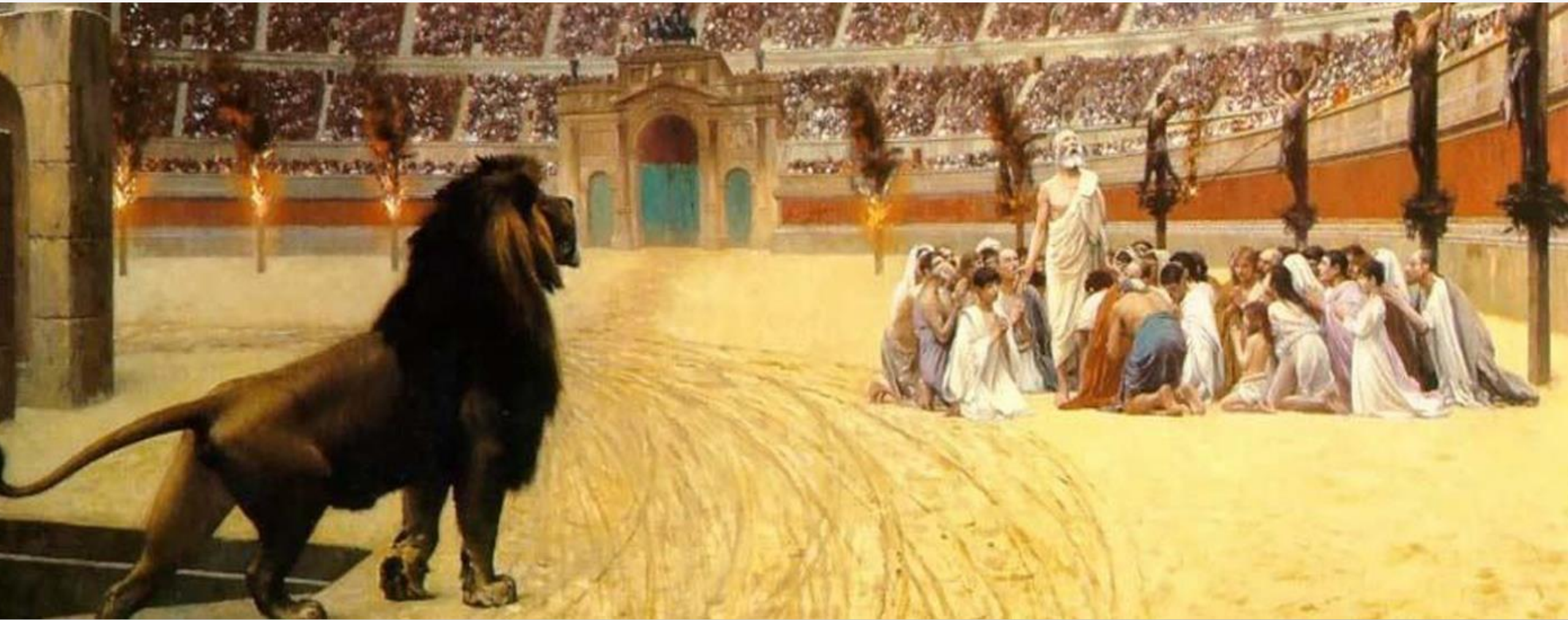
FORMATION

- The church grew into **a strong spiritual movement.**

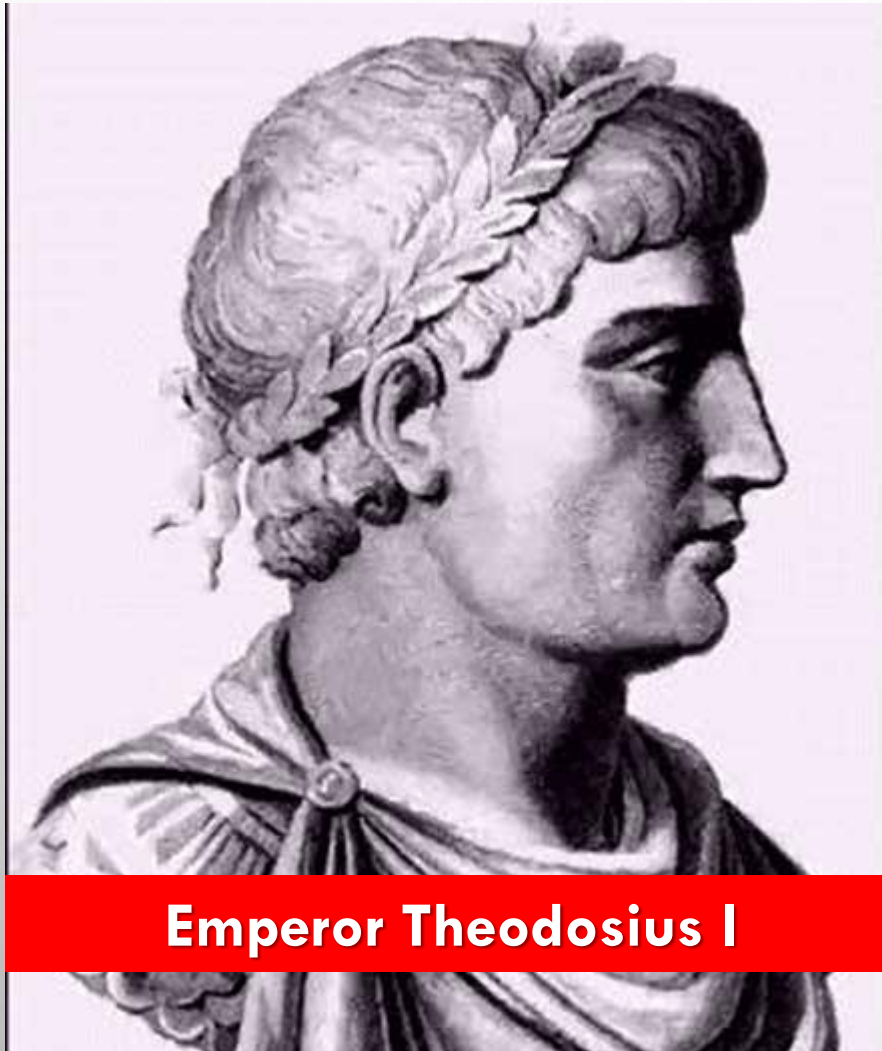


Church Map at the Time of Jesus ■
Church Map in the 1st Century ■
Church Map in the 2nd Century ■

FORMATION



AD 380 - THE ROMAN EMPIRE ADOPTS CHRISTIANITY



Emperor Theodosius I



DEFORMATION

- God's word was obscured by **human traditions...**



DEFORMATION

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

DEFORMATION

- The church was **changed** into a vast political empire.



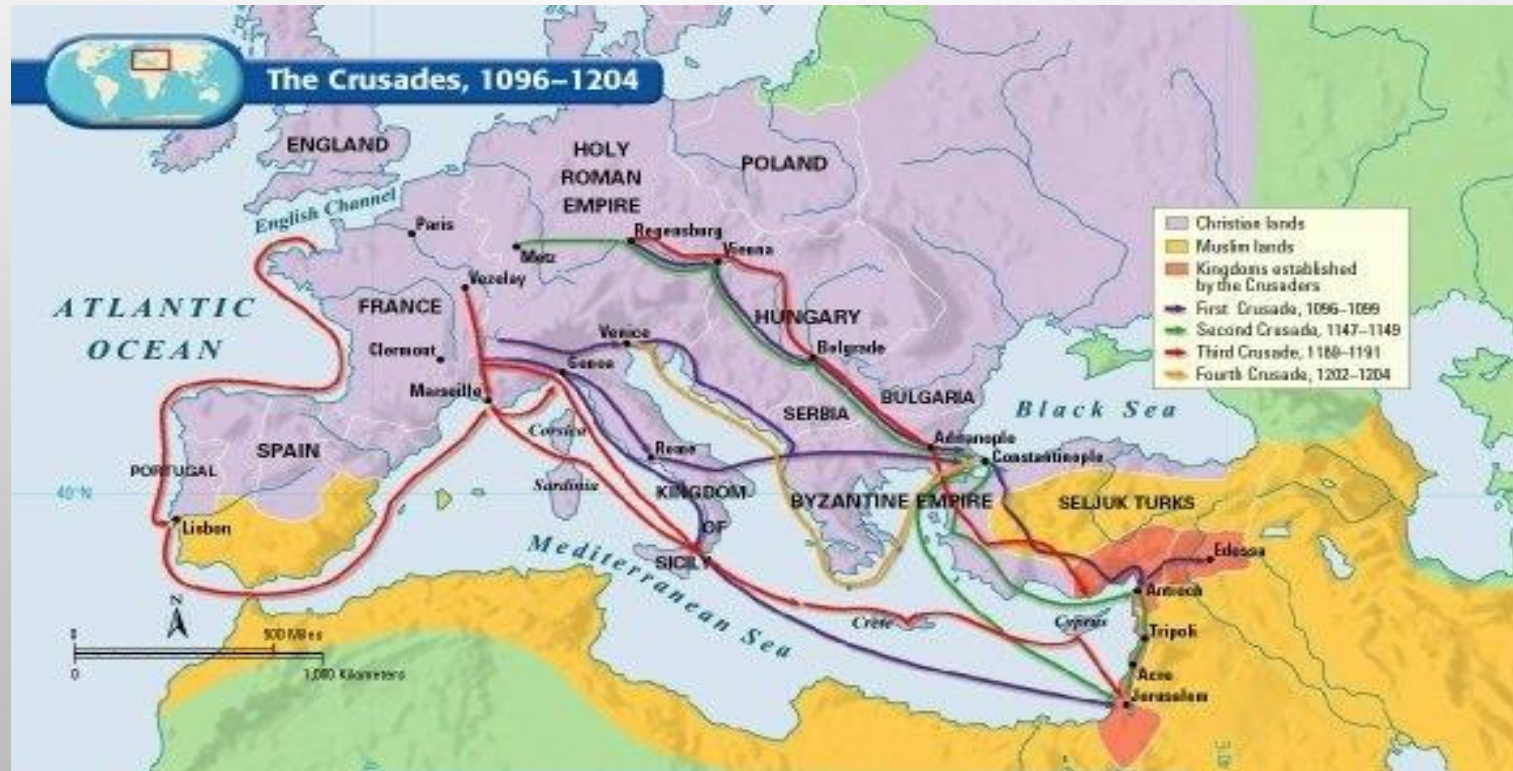
DEFORMATION

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DEFORMATION

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DEFORMATION

DARKNESS

reigned instead of light.

DEFORMATION

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

DEFORMATION

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....”**

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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.”

RENAISSANCE – ‘REBIRTH’

(1300-1700)



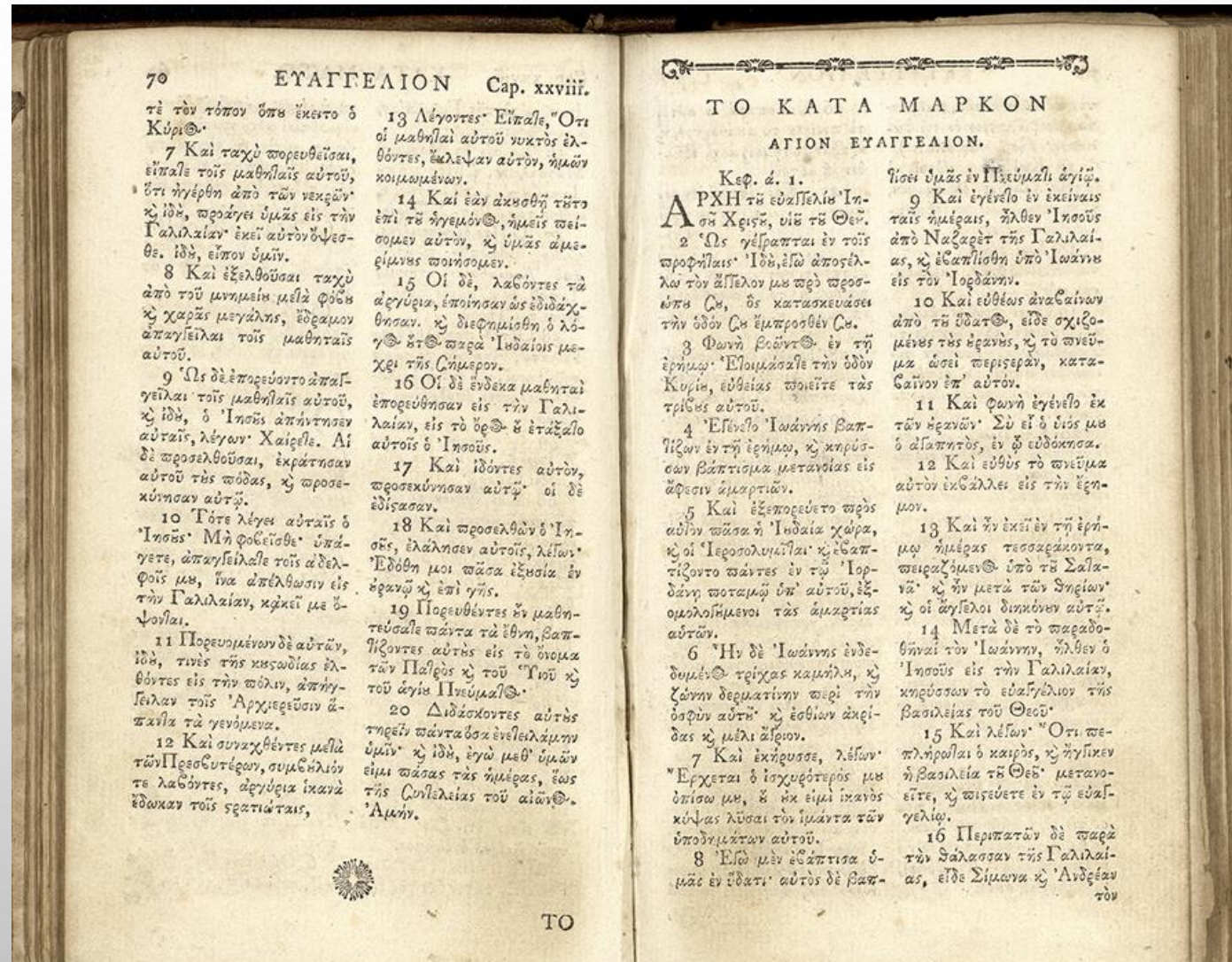
RENAISSANCE – ‘REBIRTH’

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

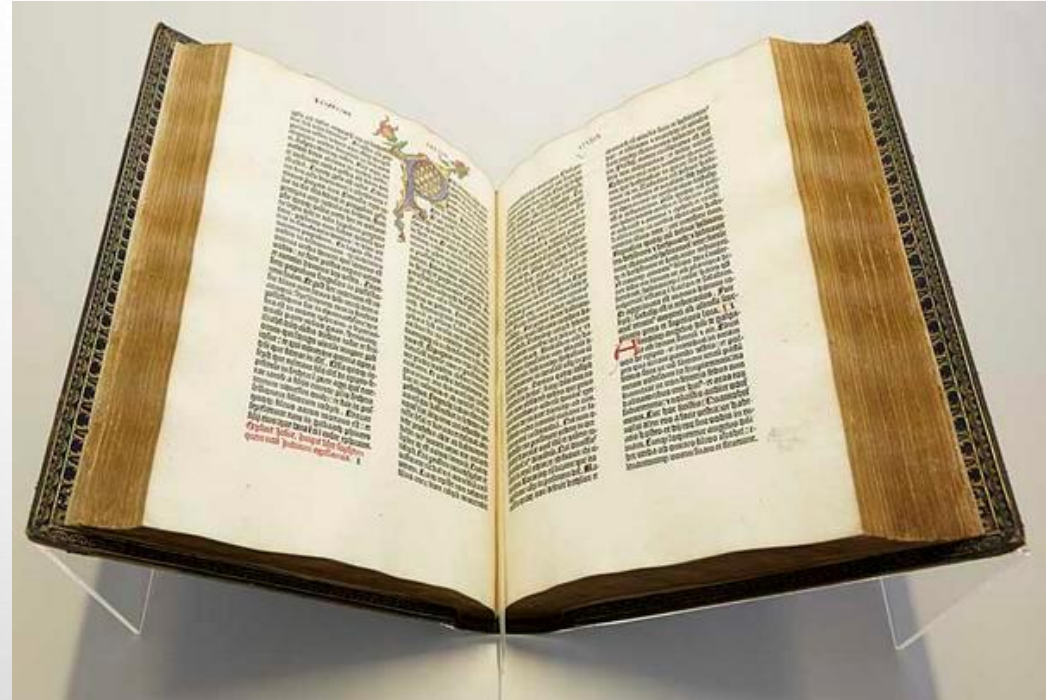


RENAISSANCE – ‘REBIRTH’

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



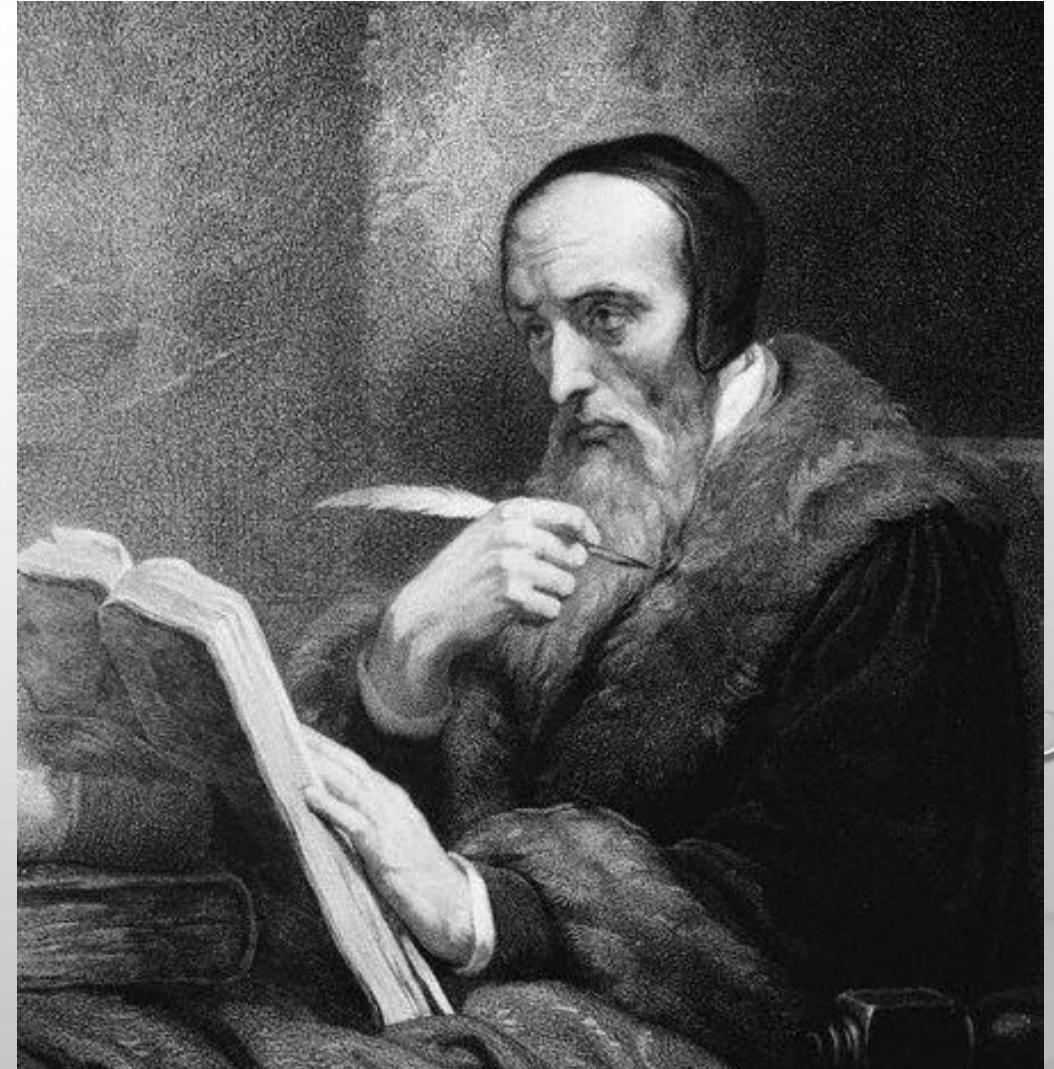
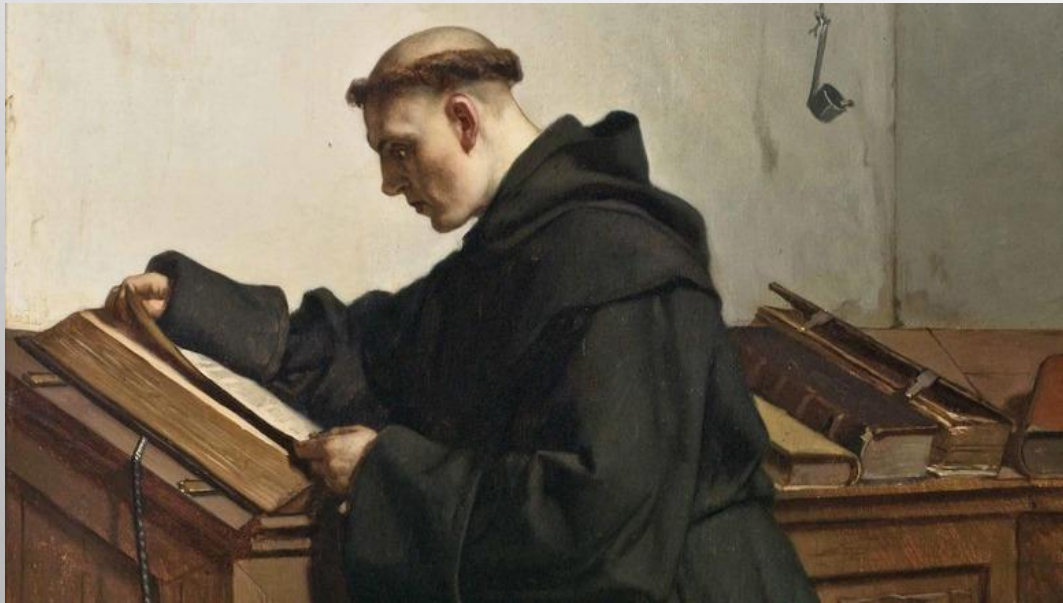
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**The Gutenberg Bible
(1454)**

RENAISSANCE – ‘REBIRTH’

- God’s Word was **obeyed** by some courageous men.



REFORMATION!

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



REFORMATION!

- They **took a stand** against all human traditions.



REFORMATION!

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REFORMATION!

The light began to shine once again!

POST
TENEBRAS
LUX
(AFTER DARKNESS LIGHT)



REFORMATION!

The movement grew **stronger** despite much opposition.



The Protest of the Princes in 1529

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3. WHO WERE THESE REFORMERS?

MARTIN LUTHER
FROM GERMANY



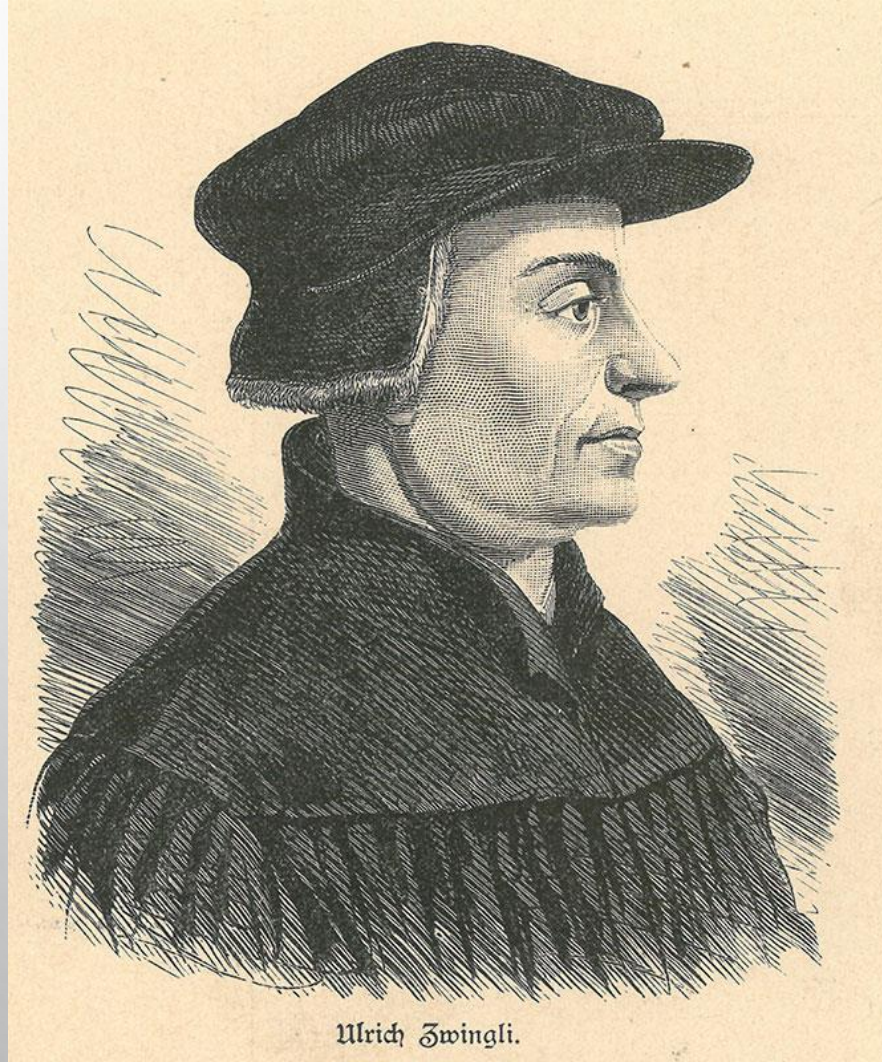
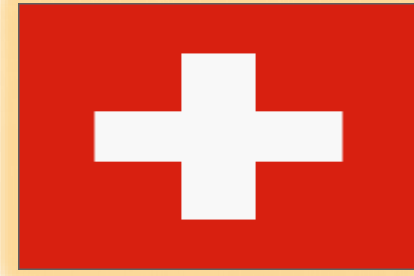
Nailing of the 95 Theses in 1517

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.”

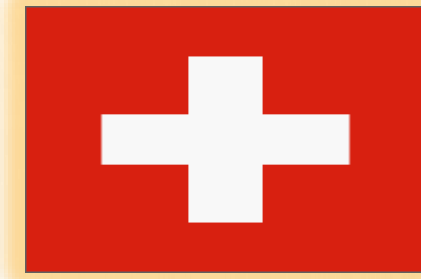
ULRICH ZWINGLI FROM SWITZERLAND



Ulrich Zwingli.

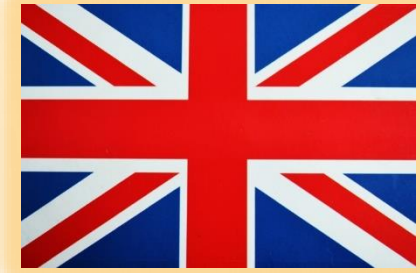


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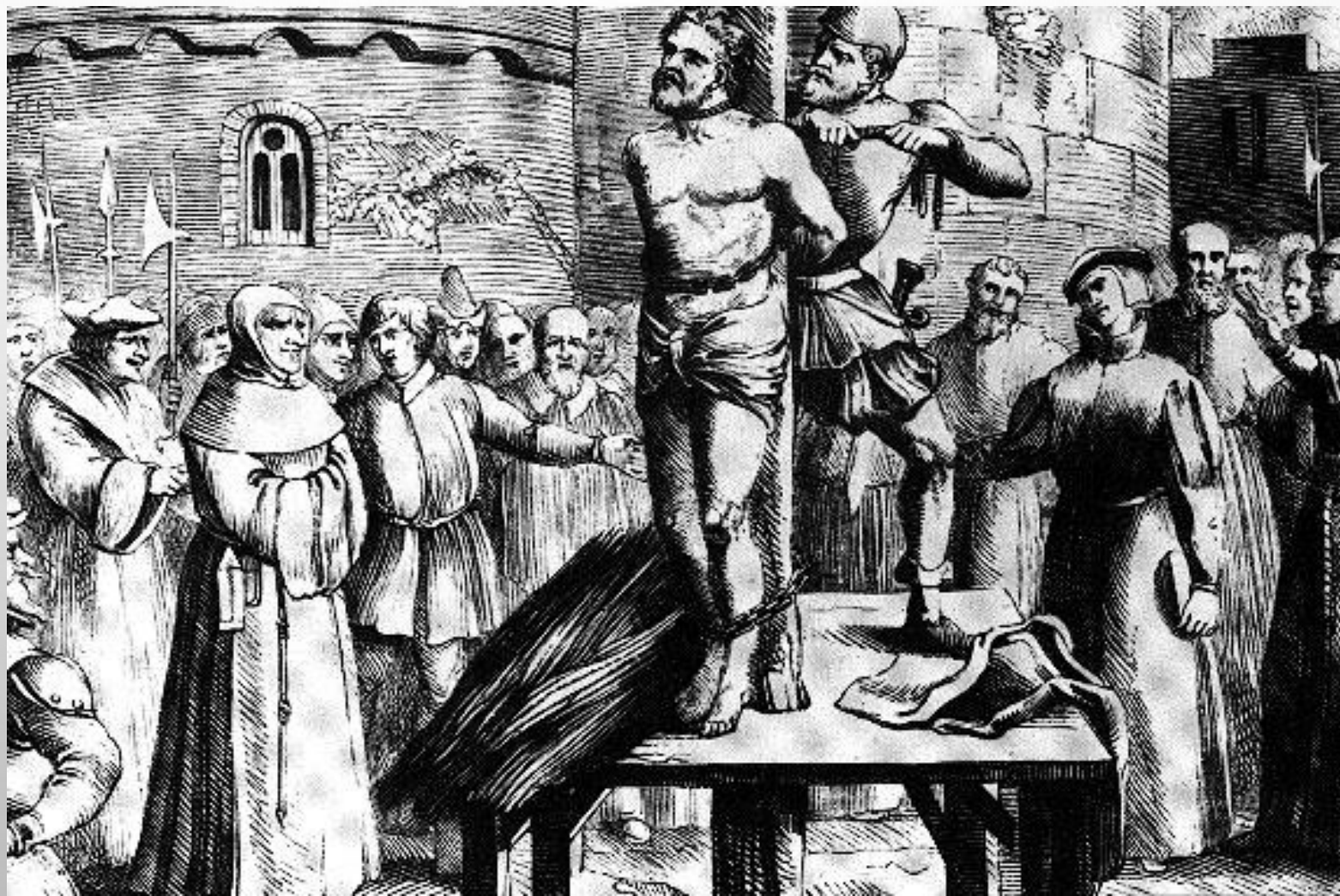
- “I beseech Christ for this one thing only, that He will enable me to endure all things courageously, and that He break me as a potter’s vessel or make me strong, as it pleases Him.”

WILLIAM TYNDALE
FROM ENGLAND

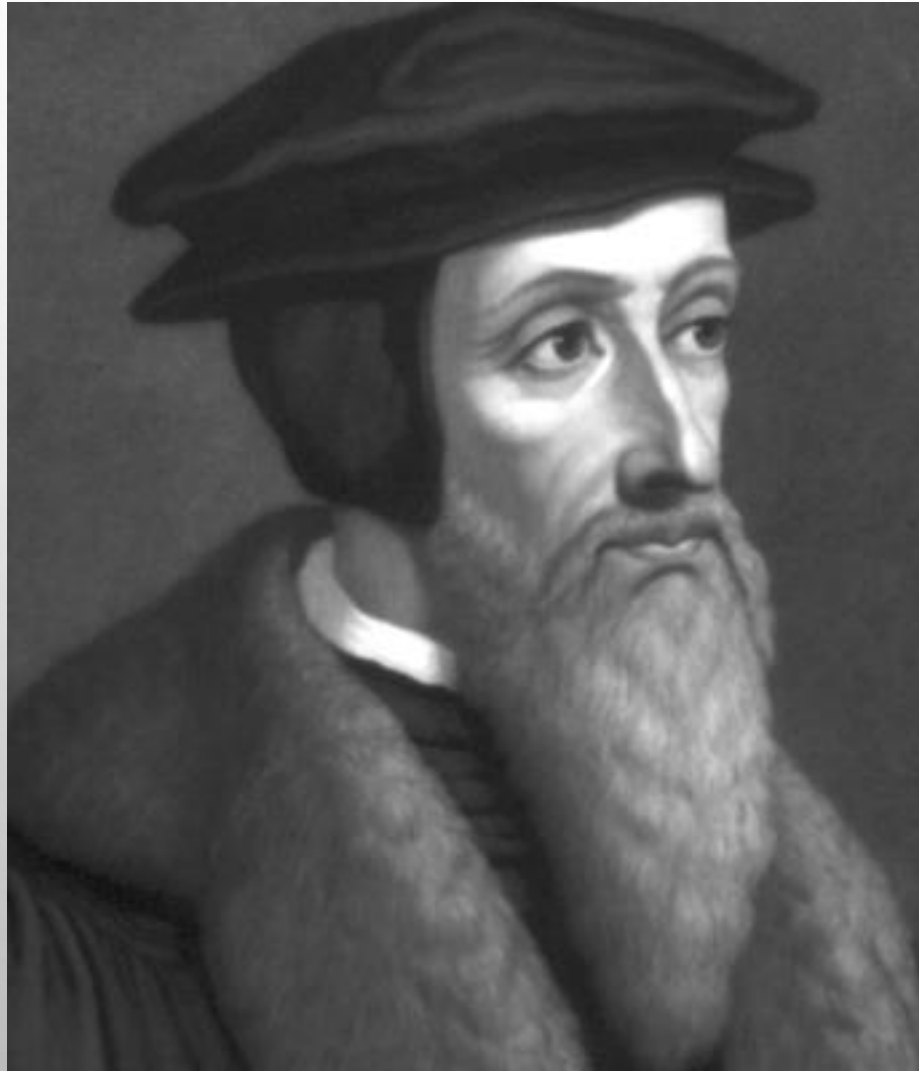
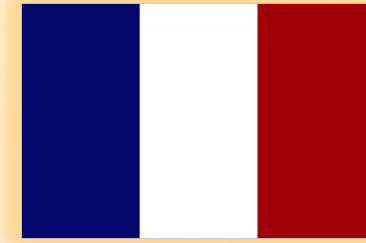


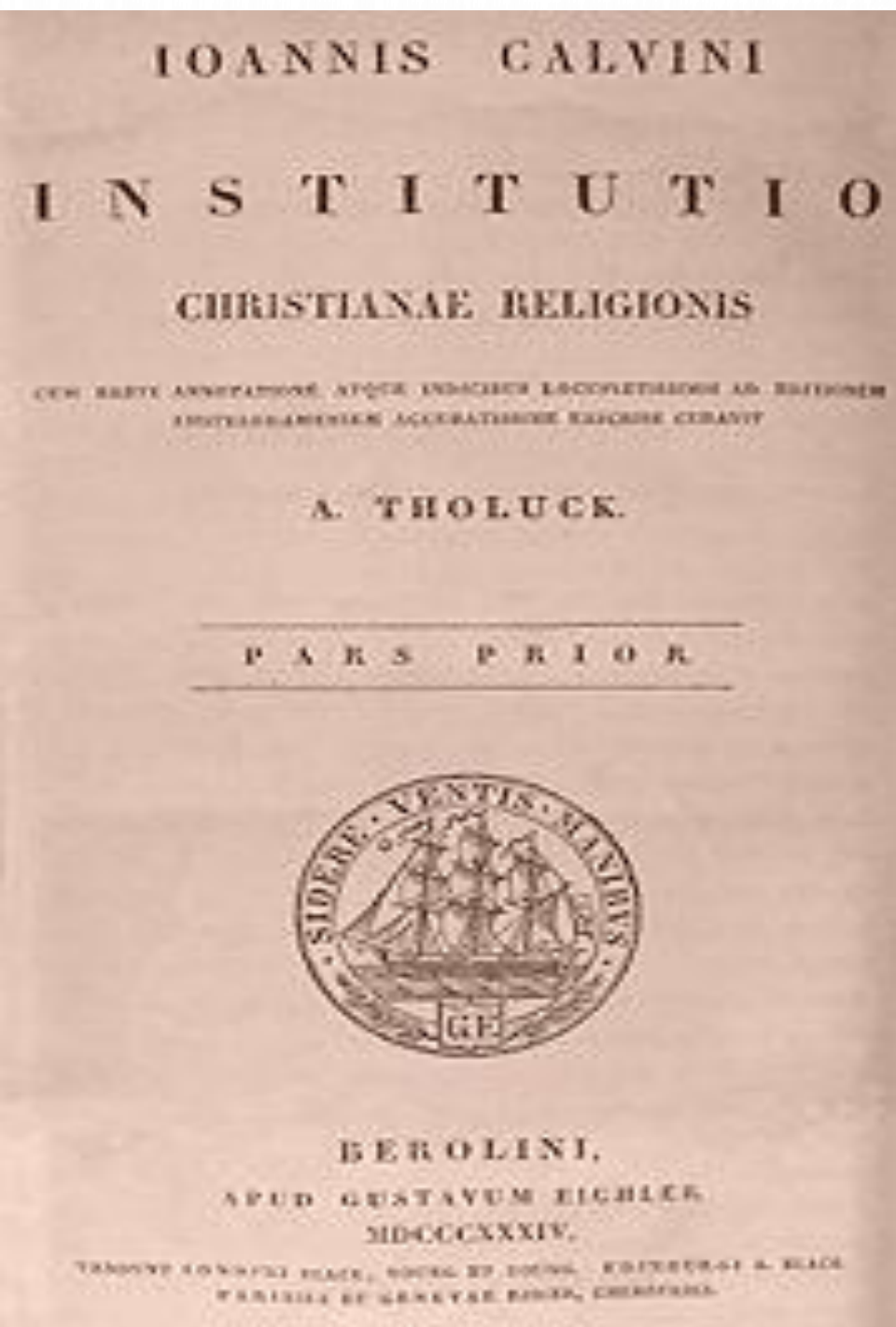
Translation of the Bible into English

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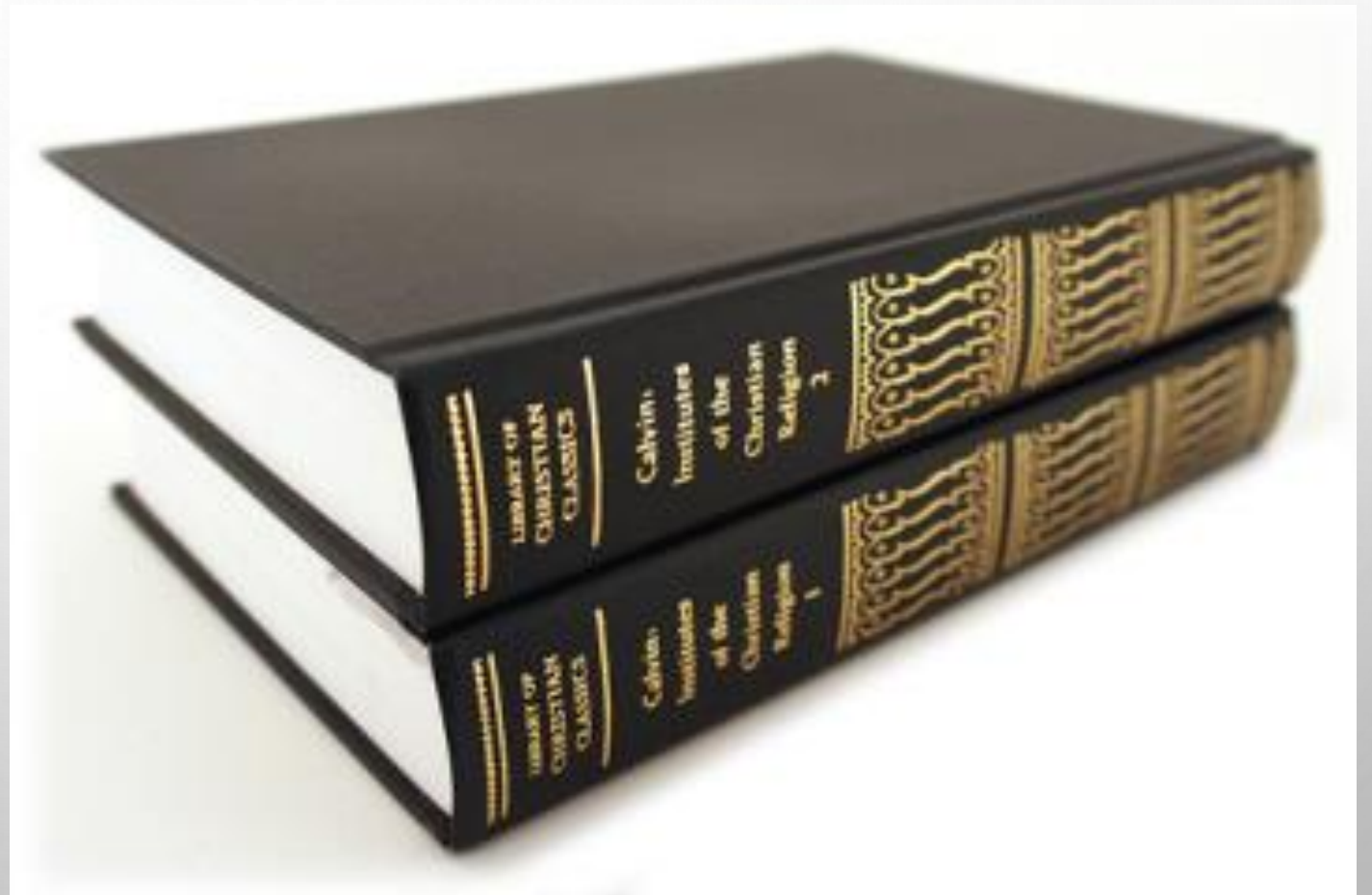
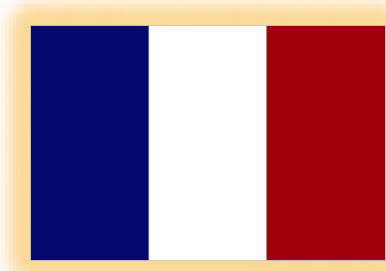


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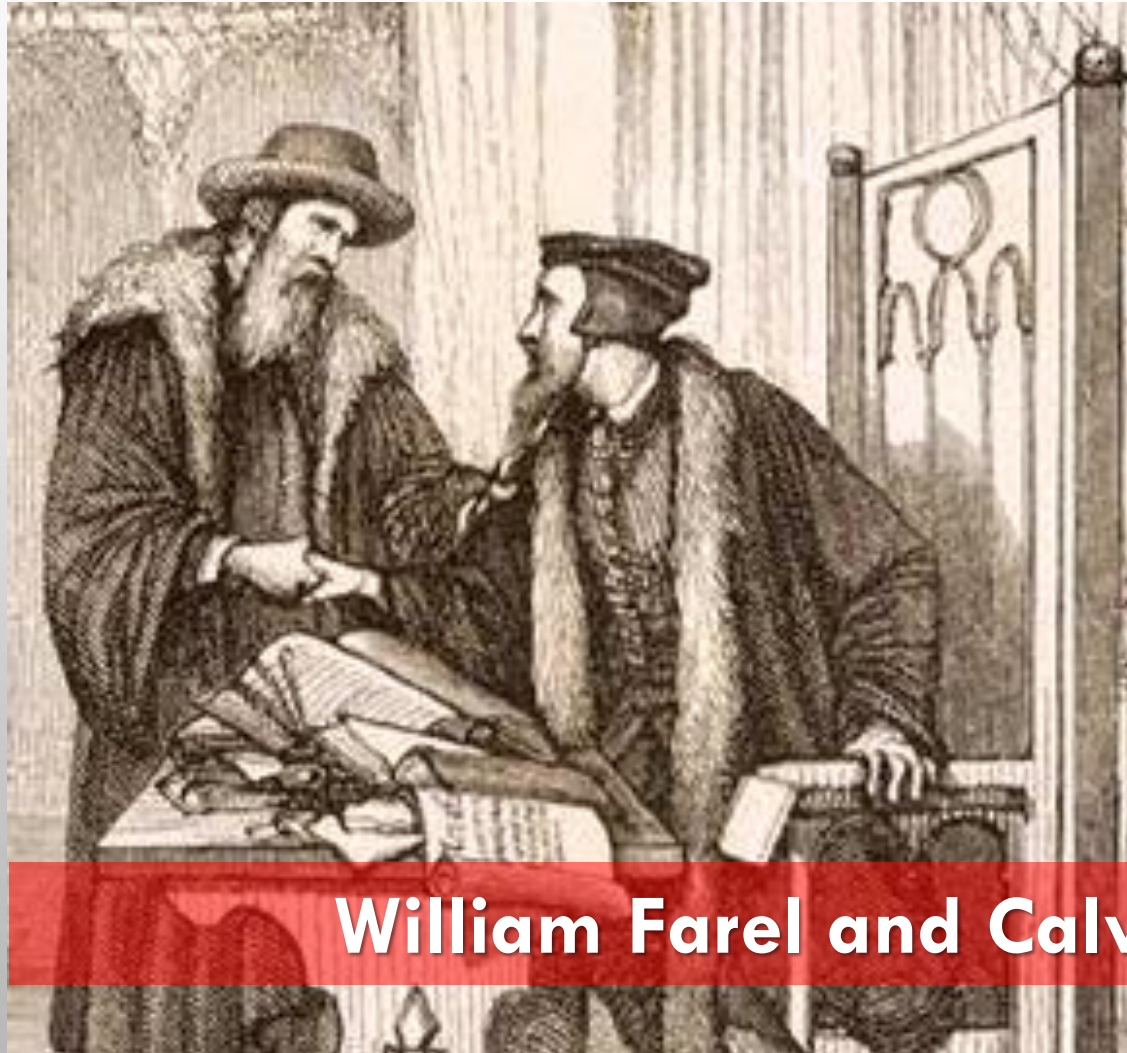
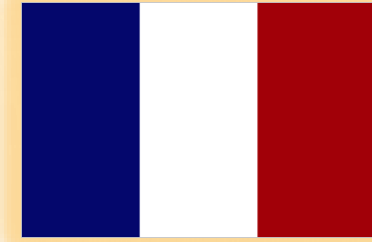




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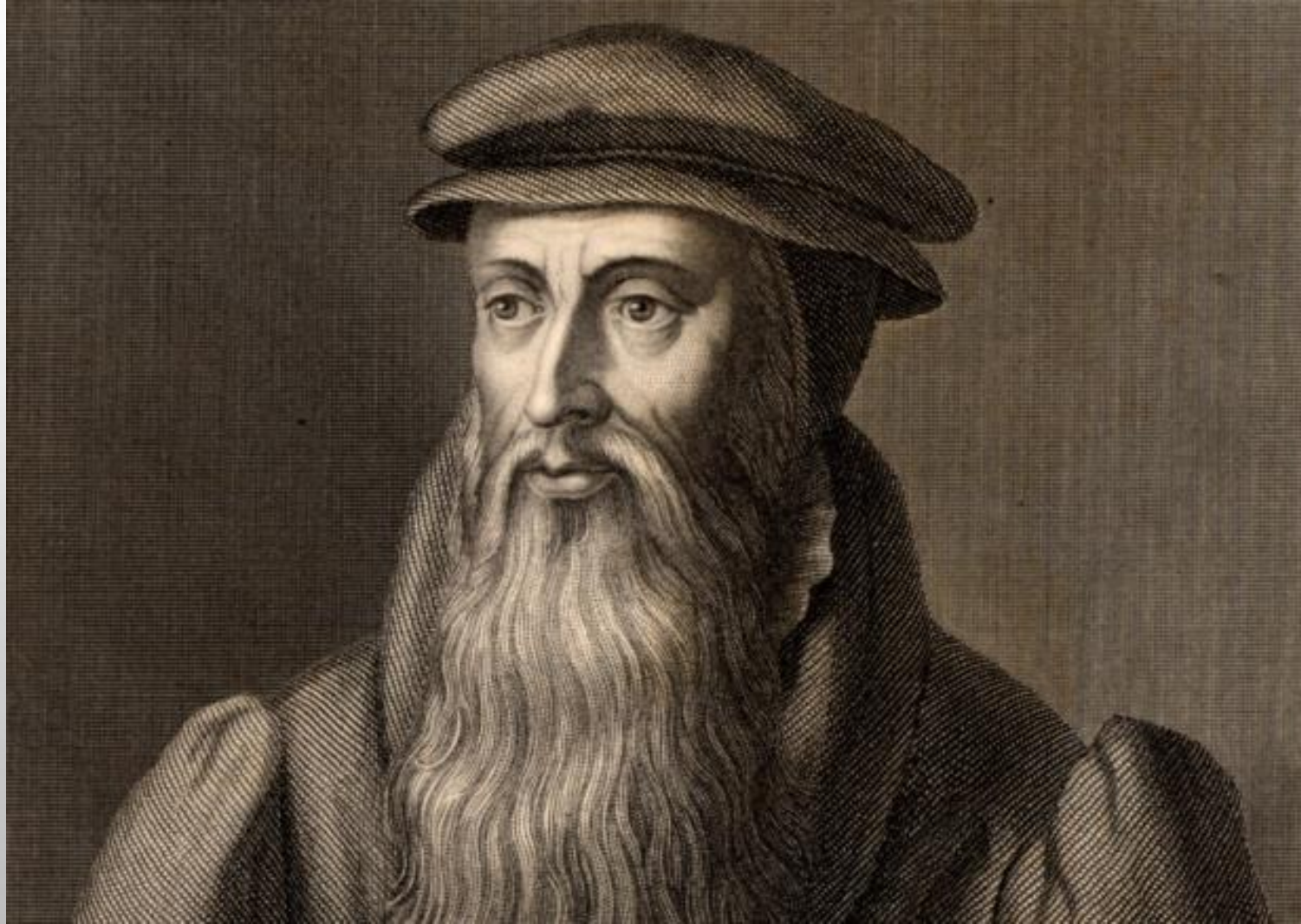


JOHN CALVIN FROM FRANCE



William Farel and Calvin at Geneva

JOHN KNOX
FROM SCOTLAND



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**“I fear the prayers of
John Knox more than all the
assembled armies of Europe.”**

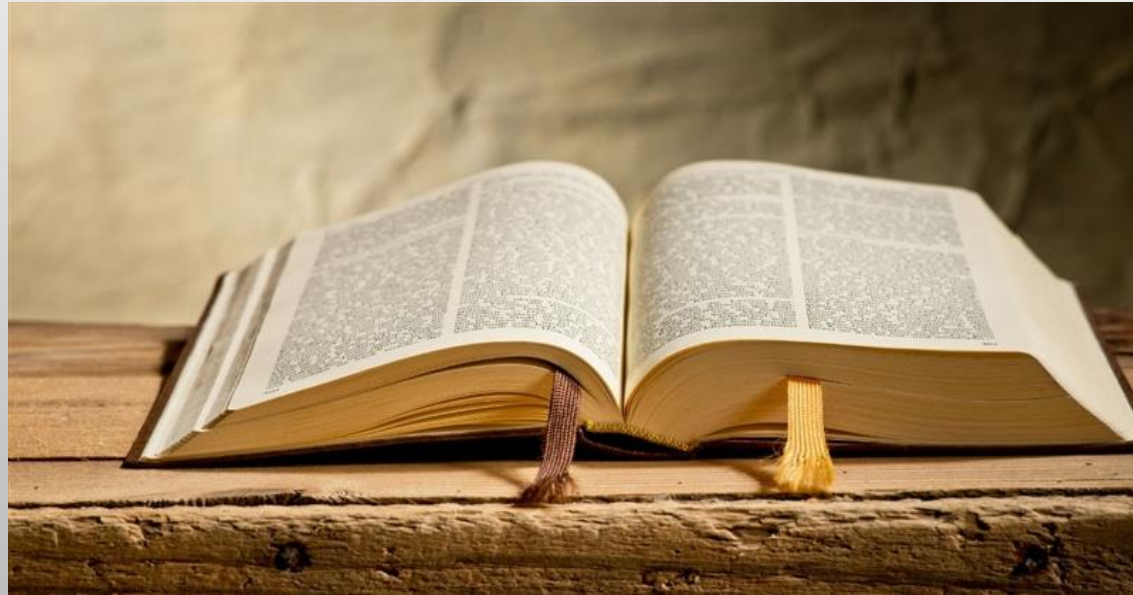
- Mary, Queen of Scots

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4. WHAT HAVE WE **GAINED** FROM THE REFORMATION?

THE BIBLE

- 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

sola
gratia
[saved by grace alone]

sola
fide
[through faith alone]

solus
Christus
[in Christ alone]

sola
scriptura
[according to scripture alone]

soli
deo gloria
[for the glory of God alone]



GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY IN SALVATION

Total Depravity

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible 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.”

OUR ROLE AS A CHURCH

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



OUR ROLE AS A CHURCH

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...**”

