

Pastor's Class
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The Reformation: The Wild Boar in the Vineyard
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Welcome/Prayer

Review:

Abuses: Simony, Nepotism, Power Focused Papacy, St. Peter's Basilica

First Generation Reformers: John Wycliffe and John Huss

Key Learnings:

The Church is at its best when it is Christ centered and at its worst when it is human centered.

Luther stood on the shoulders of other reformers.

The Church is always in need of Reformation

Martin Luther 1483-1546

Lived in Germany

Priest, Professor, Monk

Luther grew up

Building St. Peter's Basilica – Need for cash flow

Selling of Indulgences – Declaration of Forgiveness

Tetzel's Jingle

As soon as the coin in the coffer rings,

A soul from purgatory springs.

Teaching of Works for Salvation

Fear based approach to the relationship between God and the people

Drive for Reformation

Luther was Intellectually Gifted

Received a Classical Education: Preparation for becoming a Lawyer

Luther – Spiritual Crisis in which he was terrified of God

1505 – Thunderstorm on July 2, Monastery on July 17

1507 – Ordained a Priest

Fearful of Presiding

1510/11 – Pilgrimage to Rome

Exposed to the Corruption of the Church

1515/16 – Studies Romans

Notion of Being Saved by Grace

Crisis becomes questions

- 31 October 1517 – Posting of the 95 Theses
 - Printing Press
 - Postal Service
- 1520 Papal Bull: Threatening Luther with excommunication
 - Described as a Wild Boar in the Vineyard: Luther
 - Protest: Luther burns the Papal Bull
- 1521 Diet of Worms
 - Luther refuses to recant
 - I cannot...I will not...recant! Here I stand.*
 - Luther Excommunicated
 - Luther goes into hiding: Castle Wartburg
 - Luther receives political support: Frederick the Wise
 - Holy Roman Empire: War with France, lasts 4 years
 - 3 Additional Wars: 1535, 1542, 1551
- 1522 Luther Returns to Wittenburg
- 1525 Married to Katie Von Bora
- 1530 Diet of Augsburg
 - Augsburg Confession
- 1532 Holy Roman Empire: Engaged the Turks
- 1534 Publication of German Bible
- 1546 Luther Dies

Our Theological Heritage

- Saved by Grace (not works) by faith alone (Justification)
 - Our salvation is a gift from God
 - We rejoice in that salvation by serving God
- Priesthood of all Believers
 - Baptism Calls us into service
 - Everyone is a priest
- Primacy of God's Word
 - German Translation – Accessibility for All
 - Inspired Word of God – Centrality of Christ
 - Alpha and Omega
- Family and Faith
 - Luther was married to Katie in 1525
 - Faith Taught in the Home – Small Catechism
 - Parents: Bishops of their Homes
- Human Rights
 - All people are equally noble before God
 - Concept of Freedom: Speech, Intellectual Exploration and Conscience

Our Lutheran Sins

Two Kingdom Theory

Church

Government

Both should be followed

Luther's Anti Semitism

Hatred of the Jews

Luther's Stance in the Peasant Revolt

Limits only the concept of freedom to the religious sphere not political

Estimate: 10,000 peasants are killed

Hatred: Protestants and Catholics

30 years war 1618-1648

Ireland in the 20th Century

Key Learnings

1. Luther's experience of life influenced his thought.
2. Luther's thought brought renewal to the Church.
3. Luther's thought needed reformation as well.

Questions

Next Time:

3 February—The Reformation: New Faces of the Church and The Book of Concord