

The Reformation

Confirmation Lesson # 2



Martin Luther lived in Germany more than 500 years ago. Luther was monk and priest in the Roman Catholic Church. He was also a professor teaching at the University of Wittenberg.

On October 31st, 1517 Martin Luther posted 95 statements on the door of the church in Wittenberg, inviting church leaders to talk about some teachings of the church that seemed to strongly contradict the Bible.

And so began the Lutheran Reformation
Everything changed...
for the Good!

I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything. I cannot do otherwise

Here I Stand

**May God help me.
Amen.**

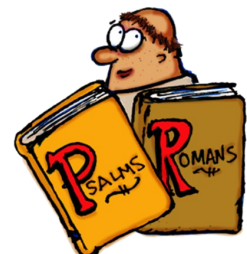
Martin Luther:



The Heart of the Reformation and the heartbeat of the Christian Faith is the **WORD OF GOD** which points us to the grace of God and the forgiveness and life won for us by Christ alone!



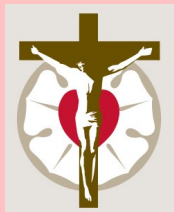
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2 Timothy 3:16-17



Martin Luther & Reformation

Timeline

- 1483– born to Margarethe and Hans.
- 1501- Enters University
- 1505- Makes the decision to become a monk
- 1507– Luther ordain a priest and celebrates his first mass.
- 1510– Luther travels to Rome.
- 1517– Posts the 95 Thesis On the Church door
- 1518– Charged with Heresy– false teaching
- 1520– Luther burns papal bull.
- 1521– Excommunicated. “Famous Here I Stand” Diet of Worms.
- 1521– Luther taken to the Wartburg Castle– hid out.
- 1522– Luther returns from Wartburg.
- 1525– Luther Marries Katherine.
- 1527– Luther writes “Mighty Fortress
- 1529– Luther writes the Small and Large Catechism
- 1530– The Augsburg Confession is presented.
- 1530-1546– Various writing and ministry occurrences.
- 1546– Luther dies.



Ice breaker Questions...

- *What is something that you are very passionate about? Something that you are not willing to “stand down on.”*
- *How important is it to “stand for what you believe in, despite the pressure and opposition? Can you give an example of a time when you had to “stand up” for what was important. What happened? What was the outcome.*

When Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis to the Church Door in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 We can suspect that he may have never imagined what would transpire.

Luther discovered the Gospel truth by turning back to the Sole Authority of the Bible. During this time the Church at Rome was very powerful and Church leaders felt that they had authority over the church and could insert teaching that they deemed important; even if they contradicted the message of the Bible.

With such an understanding they saw no problem with the sale of indulgences to fund the building of St. Peter’s Church in Rome.

When Luther stood for the Word of God and not the tradition or most popular ideas of his time, he was met with huge opposition. It would have been pretty easy to give in, but Luther couldn't. He stood the ground of faith. He stood firm in the word! And for him it may have seemed impossible, but by God’s grace and in his time huge change and reform happened for the church! As a result people came to know the TRUTH and this TRUTH set them free helping them to know God for who he is– LOVING and GRACIOUS!

Key Bible Passage

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Key Terms

Grace
Authority
The Word of God

The Christian Lutheran Faith

As Christian Lutherans we believe that Forgiveness Salvation and life have been won for us by Jesus. We cannot work or earn forgiveness; and it certainly isn't obtainable by our own merits. Today, some church continue to teach that our “good works” contribute to salvation and rightness in God’s eyes?

Can you think why a works based model is so difficult and could lead one to ultimately despair?

How does a focus on what God has done make all the difference? It doesn't lead to despair, but hope and certainty. Why?

As Christian Lutheran’s, **we believe in the sole authority of the Bible.** “Scripture no more and Scripture no less.” In other words, we don’t add to the word or subtract from the word to serve our own purposes. God has given us his Word as a gift to point us to Jesus. He has also given us the Word as a sort of road map for life; it helps us to see God’s will and desire for our lives. A lot of people in our world today feel that we “map out our own course.” we define our own truths and authority rests on the individual. You and me have a rock Solid foundation in God’s Word. We can never go wrong with God and he always has our best interest in mind... even if it isn't easy. Faith seems to be the “Road less traveled” today; its easy for us to think it isn't as relevant as other things. **WE HAVE TO STAND FIRM!**

Why is it important to stand firm in faith? Why does it matter to you very personally?



GOD'S WORD THE BIBLE

βιβλιον = book

But... the Bible isn't ONE book it's 66 books.

The Old Testament

39 books.

They were written and the events happened before Jesus was born. The books of the Old Testament point to Jesus.

Within the Old Testament there are:

- the Books of Moses
- The Books of History
- The Books of Wisdom and Poetry
- The Books of prophecy

BOOKS of the BIBLE	
Old Testament	
Genesis	Ecclesiastes
Exodus	Song of Solomon
Leviticus	Isaiah
Numbers	Jeremiah
Deuteronomy	Lamentations
Joshua	Ezekiel
Judges	Daniel
Ruth	Hosca
1 Samuel	Joel
2 Samuel	Amos
1 Kings	Obadiah
2 Kings	Jonah
1 Chronicles	Micah
2 Chronicles	Nahum
Ezra	Habakkuk
Nehemiah	Zephaniah
Esther	Haggai
Job	Zechariah
Psalms	Malachi
Proverbs	
New Testament	
Matthew	1 Timothy
Mark	2 Timothy
Luke	Titus
John	Philemon
Acts	Hebrews
Romans	James
1 Corinthians	1 Peter
2 Corinthians	2 Peter
Galatians	1 John
Ephesians	2 John
Philippians	3 John
Colossians	Jude
1 Thessalonians	Revelation
2 Thessalonians	

The New Testament

27 books.

They record Jesus life, ministry mission, or the life of his early followers.

The New Testaments tells of how Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament promises of God.

Within the New Testament are:

- the Gospels
- Acts
- Pauline Epistles / Epistles
- Prophecy

THE BIBLE IS

God's

Inspired

God Breathed

Inerrant

Without Error

Infallible

Never fails us

Word

Two Main Teachings of the BIBLE

The LAW

Shows us our sin
3 Uses of the LAW
-Curb
-Mirror
Guide

The GOSPEL

Shows us our Savior.

Your Name _____

Lesson Highlight Questions

TRUE OR FALSE (if false, provide the correct answer)

The Word of God, is for our picking and choosing. Some this apply and other things don't. Culture and our personal opinion has the ultimate say..... T / F

Luther gave in to the demands of the church leaders in his day..... T / F

Luther went to the Wartburg Castle and would translate the German Bible into English..... T / F

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Describe in your own words the bible passage 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and explain why it is so important.

DEFINE WHAT EACH PHRASE MEANS:

The Word of God is inspired. _____

The Word of God is inerrant. _____

The Word of God is infallible. _____

ANSWER EACH QUESTION

How many total books are in the Bible? How many specifically in the Old and New Testament?

What is the Law? _____

What is the Gospel? _____

What does it mean to “Confess?” _____

What lessons have we learned from the Lutheran Reformation? _____

