

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

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Top Ten Moments In Reformation History

The Reformation was a political and religious movement in Europe that began in the 1500's and lasted for roughly 150 years. It is difficult to pinpoint exact starting and ending dates for the Reformation, but we can point to two events that seem to begin and to culminate the Reformation era: 1517 (Martin Luther's *95 Theses* and his protest against the indulgence system of the Roman Catholic Church) and 1648 (The Peace of Westphalia, treaties that ended both the Thirty Years' War and the Eighty Years' War and thus put an end to most of the civil disruption caused by the religious movement).

1. Luther's *Ninety-Five Theses* (October 31, 1517)

This crucial event...is the spark that led to the flames of revolution. Luther's *95 Theses* were published, printed, and disseminated into Europe, and the publication ignited a religious fervor that exploded across Germany and beyond.

2. The Marburg Colloquy (1529)

Luther and Zwingli's discussion of the theology of the Lord's Supper may seem an odd choice for the 2nd most important Reformation event, but the political and religious consequences of their failure to come to agreement on the Eucharist set the course for a split which has lasted almost 500 years.

3. Publication of Luther's Translation of the New Testament (1522)

Luther's publication of the New Testament into common German was a watershed moment for the Reformation in Europe. The translation of the Bible into the language of the people allowed the Reformers to base their criticism of the papacy on biblical grounds and led to the common man being able to search the Scriptures for himself without relying solely on the Church's authority.

4. The Act of Supremacy (1534)

Henry VIII's institution of the Church of England and his positioning of himself as the head of the Church was the beginning of a long and checkered history of Reformation in England, in which the institution of Reformed theology from the top-down brought its own set of problems.

5. The Edict of Nantes (1598)

This innovative act of tolerance formed the basis for the modern-day secular society of freedom of religion.

6. The Council of Trent (1545-63)

The Roman Catholic declarations following the Council of Trent eliminated virtually any hope for reconciliation between the Catholic Church and the Protestant movement.

7. Calvin's *Institutes* (1559)

John Calvin's systematic theology *The Institutes of the Christian Religion* formed the basis for the adoption of Reformed theology in Europe and America.

8. Martin Luther's Three Treatises (1520)

Appeal to the German Nobility, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, and *The Freedom of the Christian* served as a fervent call to reformation of the church, influencing the Protestant movement in Germany and beyond for years to come.

9. St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre (1572)

The Catholic mob violence against the Huguenots that lasted for several months claimed the lives of thousands of French Protestants. This event was a turning point in the French Wars of Religion, as it radicalized the Huguenot movement.

10. The Peace of Augsburg (1555)

The first religious war of the century ended, as rulers allowed territories to choose their religion. This was the beginning of religious toleration in Europe, which formed the foundation for the Edict of Nantes and the Act of Toleration.

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THIS WEEK, OCTOBER 23-29, 2017:

Wednesday: *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* to *ELIAS!*

Thursday: *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* to *ERIN!*

***MUSIC PRACTICE* - 2:00 pm, Butler home**

Friday: *WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY* - 10:00 - 11:30am,

East Mountain Library, *Twelve Extraordinary Women:*
chapter 5, Hannah

Sunday: *CHURCH SERVICE* - 10:00 am, LVCC

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COMING UP IN NOVEMBER:

4TH & 18TH - *EMFP VOLUNTEER SERVICE*

5TH - *DAYLIGHT SAVINGS*

6TH - *JOY'S BIRTHDAY*

8TH - *Day Of PRAYER/FASTING*

10TH only - *WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

11TH - *DANIEL GRESHAM'S BIRTHDAY*

18TH - *MEN'S BIBLE STUDY*

19TH - *COMMUNION*

23RD - *THANKSGIVING DAY*

26TH - *FELLOWSHIP MEAL*

***MUSIC PRACTICE* each Thursday, 2:00pm, Butler home**



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