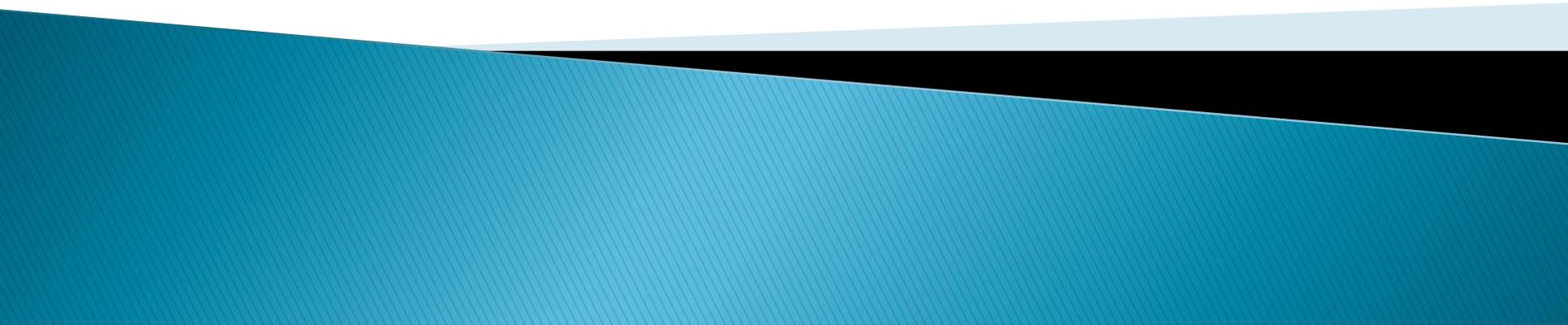


The Protestant Reformation & Its Impact



World changes because of Renaissance

- ▶ Ren. Spreads new ideas, some that differ with Catholic Church



ABUSES IN THE CHURCH:

- ▶ **Beginning in Middle Ages the Church got caught up in politics**
 - Popes fought wars to maintain power (political influence)
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- ▶ **Popes lived the “good life” (great clothes, houses, gave \$\$ to the arts as patrons)**
- ▶ **To find \$\$ to live “good life” they raised the cost of services (marriage, baptism etc)**
- ▶ **AND also sold indulgences**

MARTIN LUTHER

- ▶ was a **German monk & Professor of Theology** in Wittenberg
 - ▶ lived simple, isolated life
 - ▶ was **upset with Church for the above and other things**
 - ▶ **AND THEN!**
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1517

-Priest named Tetzel sets up a “shop” selling indulgences

- ▶ **Luther flips! He writes 95 theses denouncing the Church**
- ▶ **AND nails it to the church door!**



LUTHER VS. CATHOLIC CHURCH

- ▶ Church tells him to recant, he refuses
- ▶ Luther is excommunicated in 1521 (big deal), called an Outlaw
 - BECAUSE....
People followed him!

Luther says...

- “salvation achieved through faith alone” (Church said good works and indulgences could do it)
 - “Bible is only source of religious truth” (Church said Popes & Bishops were another source)
 - “everybody has equal access to God” (Church said priest/Popes had better access)
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LUTHER'S IDEAS SPREAD

- ▶ Widespread Support
 - ▶ Luther is very popular in Germany/Scandinavia
 - ▶ Many Church does need a lot of reform
 - ▶ Many RULERS see this as a way to topple “Papal Power”
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Peasant's Revolt

- ▶ Peasants support Luther and want social/economic change
- ▶ **1524: Peasants Revolt in Germany**—they look to Luther for support/he doesn't give it/**revolt fails**

Lots of War...

- ▶ Countries war to determine whether a country should be Catholic or Protestant until
 - ▶ Peace of Augsburg
 - ▶ -1555: Charles V (HRE) & other princes sign a treaty saying each ruler can pick the religion for their country...
 - ▶ IN OTHER WORDS: Catholic Church would stop attacking Protestant countries
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Fighting still occurs.



Other Reformers to the CC

- ▶ Zwingli– priest and follower of Erasmus /lived in Zurich, Switzerland/like Luther he also rejected the elaborate rituals of Church & stressed importance of the Bible

And John Calvin...

- ▶ Calvin– born in France/trained as a priest & lawyer
- ▶ 1536– publishes “Institution of Christian Religion”
- ▶ (a “How to” guide on setting up a Prot. Church)
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- ▶ Calvin believes in **PREDESTINATION**
- ▶ 1541– Calvin sets up a theocracy Geneva
- ▶ Calvin faces opposition from Catholics & Lutherans
- ▶ –spread of Calvinism causes more wars/rebellions

Reformers become Radical

- ▶ Anabaptists: believed: only adults should be baptized/no personal property/religious toleration/separation of church and state
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- ▶ *SOME Anabaptists thought you should incite violence to bring on the “End of Days”.
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- ▶ *Baptists, Quakers, Mennonites & Amish trace roots to Anabaptists

ENGLISH REFORMATION

- ▶ *Religious leaders had been “exploring” reforms before Luther
- ▶ **Henry the Eighth (H8) is the one who broke from Catholic Church**
- ▶ **H8 was called “Defender of the Faith” (by Pope) immediately after Luther for writing a pamphlet against Protestant Reform BUT...**

Henry 8th & English Reformation cont.

- ▶ 1527– H8 wanted to divorce wife (Catherine of Aragon) b/c they had no son (only daughter, Mary Tudor) AND HE NEEDED A SON...
- ▶ SO, he wanted to marry his mistress– Anne Boleyn– maybe have a son...
- ▶ Catholicism doesn't allow divorce so H8 asks for an annulment / Pope says NO/ H8 is MAD!

- ▶ H8 passes laws separating England from Catholic Church most important one:
- ▶ Act of Supremacy (1534) – made H8 “The only Supreme Head on Earth of the Church of England”
- ▶ Marries Boleyn has another daughter, Elizabeth
- ▶ Executes many loyal Catholics–like THOMAS MORE
- ▶ Executes Boleyn and 2 more wives

Then H8 dies...

- ▶ Daughter Mary becomes Queen–England is Catholic again...then she dies
 - ▶ Daughter Elizabeth becomes Queen–has,
 - ▶ “Elizabethan Settlement” (England is Prot but with lots of C stuff)
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Catholic Reformation

- ▶ Decide to make changes to not lose more people
 - ▶ **Council of Trent (1545) tried to change some of abuses but upheld church beliefs**
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Catholic Reformation Cont..

Inquisition

- ▶ gains more power & uses torture and execution to “root out heresy”
 - ▶ Witch hunts occur (happens with Prot. Too)
 - ▶ Persecuting Jews
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New Catholic Groups Founded

▶ Jesuits

- Started by Ignatius of Loyola
- Set up schools, advised political leaders

Impact of Prot Ref

- ▶ ***New churches founded**
 - ▶ ***Violence lasting centuries**
 - ▶ ***Catholic Church does make changes**
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