

Turning Point #7: The Diet of Worms (1521 C.E.)



"On this I take my stand. I can do no other. God help me! Amen."

—Martin Luther, Diet of Worms (1521 C.E.)

I. A Historical Faith

A. The Reformers' Message: Scripture

- *The Church and the Scriptures*

- *Reading and Understanding the Bible*



B. The Reformers' Message: Salvation

- *Man, Sin, and Law*
- *Faith*
- *Justification*
- *Regeneration*
- *Predestination*



C. The Reformers' Message: The Sacraments

- *Defining "Sacraments"*
- *Baptism and Communion*
- *O' Sacrament, Where art Thou?*

D. The Reformers' Message: The Church

- *"Community of the Faithful"*
- *Church and State*



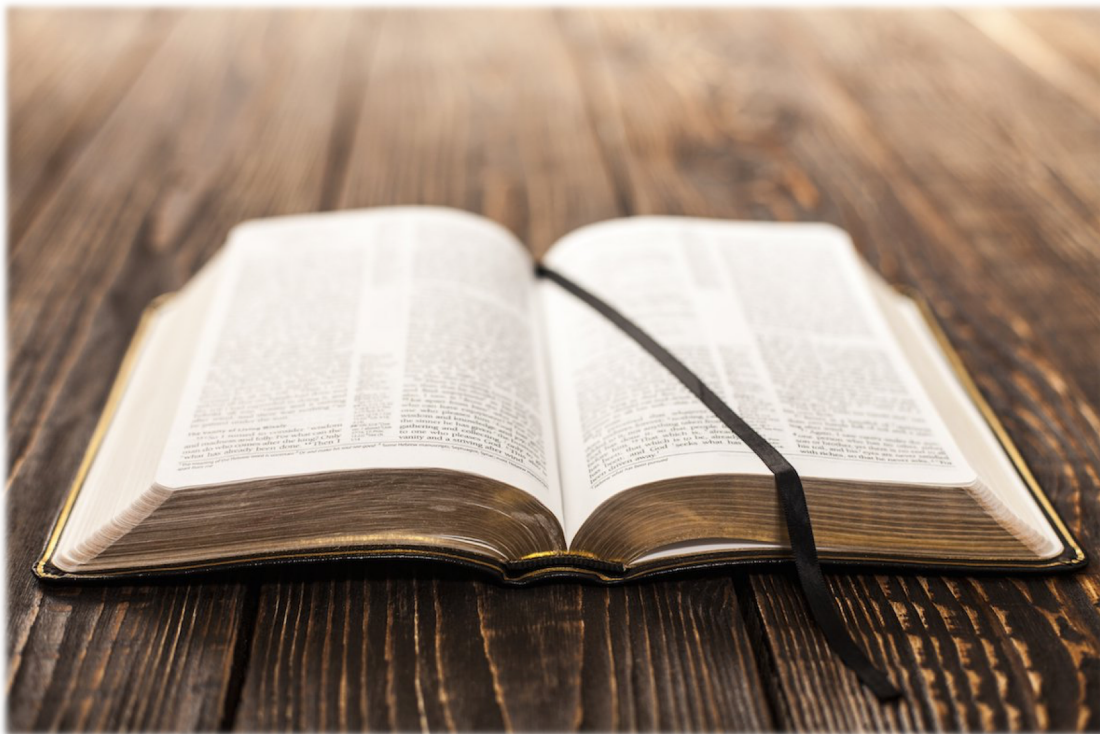
II. The Interpretation of Scripture

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’”

Romans 1:16–17

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, ‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”

1 Corinthians 1:18–25



III. Love of God & Love of Neighbor (Matt. 22)

What do these people, places, or events teach me about God?

What do these teach me about myself?

What can I do differently this next week based on something I've learned tonight?



IV. Thought(s) for Next Session

Read and meditate on these texts—and how they relate to one another—before our next session.

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

—Ephesians 4:11–16

Session #7: Primary Sources