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I. THE CHURCH IN REFORMATION

- A. Coming Back to the Bible
- B. Reacting Against Thyatira
- C. Retaining Aspects of Thyatira

II. PREPARATION

- A. Migration of Greeks
- B. Rise of Literary Men
- C. Famous Universities
- D. Erasmus
- E. The Princesses of Europe
- F. The Restlessness of the People
- G. Pre-Occupation of War with Turks
- H. Paper and Printing Press
- I. Discovery of the New World
- J. Flagrant Atrocities of Rome

III. FORERUNNERS

- A. John Wycliff (England)
 - *Teacher and Translator
 - *Lollards
- B. John Huss (Bohemia)
 - *Reformer
 - *Martyr
 - *Hussites

IV. MARTIN LUTHER (Germany)

- *Centerpiece of Reformation
- *Early Education; Doctor of Philosophy
- *Anxiety of Soul; The Thunderstorm
 *The Convent of Wittenburg
- *The Bible Discovered
- *Works, Illness, and Despair
- *Staupitz and the Unknown Monk
- *"Thy Sins be Forgiven Thee"
- *Still Loyal to Rome
- *Frederick the Wise and the University of Wittenburg
- *A Profitable 5 years
- *Psalms and Romans "The Just Shall Live by Faith"
- *The Fateful Journey to Rome
- *Hardships and Observations
- *Arrival and Reaction
- *Rome's Real Situation
- *"On the Steps"

- *Back to Germany A Budding Troublemaker
- *Trouble, Tetzel and Indulgences
- *The Explosion, Ninety-five Theses (1517 A.D.)
- *The Papal Bull Burned
- *The Diet of Worms "Here I Stand"
- *A Year of Exile The Castle at Wartburg
- *Swift Spreading of Reformed Teachings
- *Catherine Van Bora
- *Political Entanglements The Peasants War
- *A Miraculous Life and a Natural Death

V. ULRICH ZWINGLE (Switzerland)

- *Simultaneous Light
- *Swiss Mercenaries for Rome
- *Strong Teaching at Zurich and an Inflamed Papacy
- *Three Great Debates "Sola Scriptura"
- *Overthrow of Convents The Nuns of Konigsfeldt
- *With Luther at Marburg The Lord's Table Controversy
- *Guarding the Reformation Political Confederation
- *Reformed Cantons vs. Catholic Cantons
- *Pastor-General; Death on the Battlefield

VI. THE RISE OF THE PERSECUTING JESUITS

- *Waldenses
- *Albigenses
- *Hussites
- *Lollards
- *Others

VII. WILLIAM FAREL (French Switzerland)

- *Bold Preaching and Stiff Opposition
- *Costing Rome Money and Personal Beatings
- *Geneva! The Second Center of the Reformation
- *A Plot of Poison
- *Farel meets Calvin Awesome Persuasion

VIII. JOHN CALVIN

- *A New Central Figure
- *Parallels between Luther & Melancthon and Farel & Calvin
- *THE INSTITUTES OF RELIGION (1535)
- *Calvin's Concepts Theocratic State, Compelled Citizens, Punishments and Oaths
- *Strong Leaders, Weak Followers Banishment
- *Calvin Returns
- *The Model of Geneva

IX. JOHN KNOX OF SCOTLAND

- *Boldness in the North
- *Banishment by Catholics to France
- *19 Months Imprisonment
- *The Calvin Connection
- *Back to Scotland and Trouble
- *The Oueen's Controversy
- *The Presbytery

X. THE REFORMATION IN ENGLAND

- *The Printed Word Prevailing
- *A Vacillating Throne
- *King Henry of England
- *His Marriage to Catherine of Aragon
- *Seventeen Years, Five Children, No Heirs
- *Enter Ann Boleyn
- *Henry Sues for Divorce; Pope Hesitates
- *Henry Casts off Papacy; A New Headship
- *A New Combination

XI. THE PURITANS ARISE IN ENGLAND

- *Dissenters and Non-Conformists
- *Against Popery and The Church of England (Episcopalian)
- *Persecution The New World!

XII. THE REFORMATION TAKES ROOT IN ENGLAND

- A. William Tyndale
 - *A Shining Star
 - *His Translation Efforts
 - *Martyred

B. John Wesley

- *His Brother Charles
- *Condition of England
- *The "Holy Club" at Oxford
- *The Imitation of Christ
- *A Devout Missionary in the New World
- *A Defeated Return
- *Moravians on Board
- *Wesley's "Warm Glow"
- *Renewed Preaching
- *Societies Established (Methodists)

C. George Whitfield

- *With Wesley at Oxford
- *An Empassioned Preacher
- *The Outdoor Preaching
- *Huge Crowds and Unusual Happenings
- *The Disagreement with Wesley
- *Pre-Destination vs. Free Will
- *Crisscrossing England on Horseback

D. C.H. Spurgeon

- *His Conversion
- *The Boy Preacher
- *From 17 to 57
- *The "King of Preachers"
- *His Volumes
- *An "English" Baptist
- *The "Down-Grade" Controversy
- E. Others

XIII. THE INNER LIFE SAINTS

- A. Caspar Swengfeldt
- B. Brother Lawrence
- C. Father Fenelon
- D. Madame Guion
- E. William Law
- F. Andrew Murray
- G. Jesse Penn-Lewis
- H. T.A. Sparks
- I. Ian Thomas

XIV. IN THE NEW WORLD

A. The Puritan Heritage

B. David Brainard

- *Missionary Work with Indians in New England
- *A Bright Example
- *Died at Home of Jonathan Edwards
- *The Effect of His Life on Edwards

C. Jonathan Edwards

- *Prevailing Preacher
- *"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"
- *Princeton

D. Charles Finney

- *New England Lawyer
- *His Unusual Conversion
- *Powerful Revivals
- *Pre-Destination Lethargy Overthrown
- *Success in England

E. D.L. Moody

- *Chicago Shoe Salesman
- *Converted but Not Received
- *Early Preachings; "Stay Your Hand"
- *How to Reach People?
- *One Person a Day
- *Established Northridge
- *"Give Me England or I Die"

F. Billy Sunday

G. A.B. Simpson

- *C.M.A Church
- *"Himself"
- *"Christ Only Christ"

H. R.A. Torrey

XV. PROMINENT MISSIONARIES

A. Hudson Taylor

- *China's Millions
- *Stirring England; Health Problems
- *A "Native" Missionary
- *Established C.I.M.
- *The "Revelation"

B. C.T. Studd

- *Wealth and Athletics
- *Converted
- *"Sell All, Give to the Poor, and Come Follow Me"
- *A Gift of Simple Presentation
- *China, India, and Africa
- C. William Carey (India)
- D. William Booth
 - *The Salvation Army
- E. A Massive Movement

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XVII. THE "UNCOMPLETED WORKS" OF THE REFORMATION

A. Concerning Christ

- 1. The All-Inclusiveness of Christ
- 2. The Indwelling of Christ
- 3. Christ Being the Life-giving Spirit for our Experience
- 4. Christ Being Our Life
- 5. The Growth of Life Being the Way
- 6. The Way of Transformation Into Christ's Image
- 7. The Living Out of Christ in Our Daily Life
- 8. The Human Spirit to Contact God
- 9. The Mingling of the Human and Divine Spirits as One
- 10. The Distinction Between Our Spirit and Our Soul
- 11. Walking According to the Spirit Intuitively
- 12. The Subjective Work of the Cross
- 13. The Resurrection Life
- 14. The Spiritual Eating of Christ for Our Supply
- 15. The Mingling of the Divine Life with Our Human Life

B. Concerning the Church

- 1. The Heavenly Calling of the Church
- 2. Being the Organic Body of Christ
- 3. The Oneness of the Church
- 4. The Content of the Church
- 5. The Ground of the Church
- 6. The Priesthood of All the Believers
- 7. Relatedness in Serving the Lord
- 8. Being Built Together Corporately and Practically
- 9. Corporate Consciousness
- 10. Spiritual Warfare
- 11. The Lord's Table

The Kingdom - 1000 year millenium

