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## Introduction

Revival of preaching  
Revival of biblical preaching  
Revival of preaching on the doctrines of grace  
Martin Luther – the father of the Reformation

## 1483 – 1517

### The Early Years

- Born November 10, 1483 in Eisleben, Germany
- 1498 to 1501 – Eisenach, Germany
- 1502 to 1505 – University of Erfurt

### Luther the Monk

#### Off to Rome

- 1510 – Luther travels to Rome
- Sowed seeds of doubt
- Scala Sancta

#### Wittenberg

- Capital of Electoral Saxony
- 1512 – Doctor of Theology degree
- Sale of indulgences prevalent

#### The 95 Theses

- November 1, 1517 – All Saint’s Day
- October 31, 1517 – 95 Theses
  1. Thesis 1 – When our Lord and master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” [Matt. 4:17], He willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
  2. Thesis 2 – This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.



3. Thesis 53 – They are enemies of Christ and of the pope, who bid the Word of God be altogether silent in some Churches, in order that pardons may be preached in others.
4. Thesis 54 – Injury is done the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or a longer time is spent on pardons than on this Word.
5. Thesis 62 – The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.
6. Thesis 79 – To say that the cross, emblazoned with the papal arms, which is set up [by the preachers of indulgences], is of equal worth with the Cross of Christ, is blasphemy.

## 1517 – 1521

### Gates of Paradise Opened

Forgiveness does not depend on the sinner being certain he was truly repentant; forgiveness comes by trusting the promise of God. So the sinner's hope is not found in himself but outside himself, in God's promise.

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 ESV)

Luther felt he was born again and had entered paradise. The reading of the word and the work of the Spirit converted him.

### Luther's Debate

1519 – Johann Eck, appointed by the pope to challenge Luther

### Luther's Pen

- *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*
- *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*
- *The Freedom of a Christian*

### The Diet of Worms

- June 1520 – pope issued a papal bull that said if Luther did not recant his beliefs within 60 days he would be excommunicated
- December 10, 1520 – Luther threw his copy of the pope's decree into the fire
- Luther excommunicated from the Catholic Church.
- April 1521 – Imperial Diet in Worms, Germany



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## Wartburg Castle

- Luther kidnapped
- Wartburg Castle – Eisenach, Germany
- Translated Greek New Testament

## 1522 – 1546

### Back in Wittenberg

- 1522 – returned to Wittenberg
- Introduced congregational singing and wrote hymns.

### Katie

- 1523 – helped group of nuns escape
- Two years later married Katie

### Luther and Erasmus

- Erasmus wrote *On the Freedom of the Will*
- Luther wrote *The Bondage of the Will*

### The Remaining Years

- 1530 – Imperial Diet at Augsburg
- Augsburg Confession
- 1534 – published Old Testament in German
- Luther's influence grew

### Luther's Death

- January 1546 – traveled to his hometown of Eisleben
- February 18, 1546 – Luther died