






Ephesians 1:3-14

- “He chose us in Him”
 - When did He choose?
 - For what purpose did He choose?
- “He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself”
 - Predestined?
 - For what purpose?

Good thing/Bad thing

- The Birth of the Church (Acts 2) 
 - Met with Jewish Persecution
- Spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire (1st-3rd cent.) 
 - Heresies (Gnosticism, Montanism, Arianism)
 - Roman Persecution
 - Germanic Invasion and Persecution
- A “Christian” Europe 
 - Kings under Popes
 - Popes ruling all
 - Scripture placed in chains

Good thing/Bad thing cont.

- Fall of Constantinople to the Turks 
 - Catalyst for many Greek/Hebrew manuscripts making it into the west
- The doctrine of purgatory/transubstantiation/selling of indulgences 
 - Providing the fuel for men like Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, and Zwingli
- The breaking away from the Roman Church





Lesson 12: The Counter Reformation

The Council of Trent and the Synod of Dort

Rise of the Jesuits

- Ignatius Loyola (1491-1565)
 - Knight turned Mystic
 - “Spiritual Exercises”
- Society of Jesus
 - Structured like an army
 - Mystical experience
 - Missionary work
 - Training the next generation



The Council of Trent (1545-63)

- Time to tighten up their shot group
- Charles V goaded Pope Paul III into calling a council to deal with the inconsistencies
 - Scripture vs. Tradition
 - RCC alone can interpret Scripture
 - Scripture = The Vulgate
 - The Gospel (Justification)
 - Damning all Protestants

The Two Branches

- The Lutheran Branch
 - Leaders: Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon
 - Regions: Germany, Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden, Finland)
 - Theology: Consubstantiation, regeneration(?) baptism
- The “Reformed” Branch
 - Leaders: Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, John Knox
 - Regions: Switzerland, England, Scotland, the Netherlands
 - Theology: Spiritual presence (Lord’s Supper), covenant community (baptism)

Largely Unified

- **Five Solas**

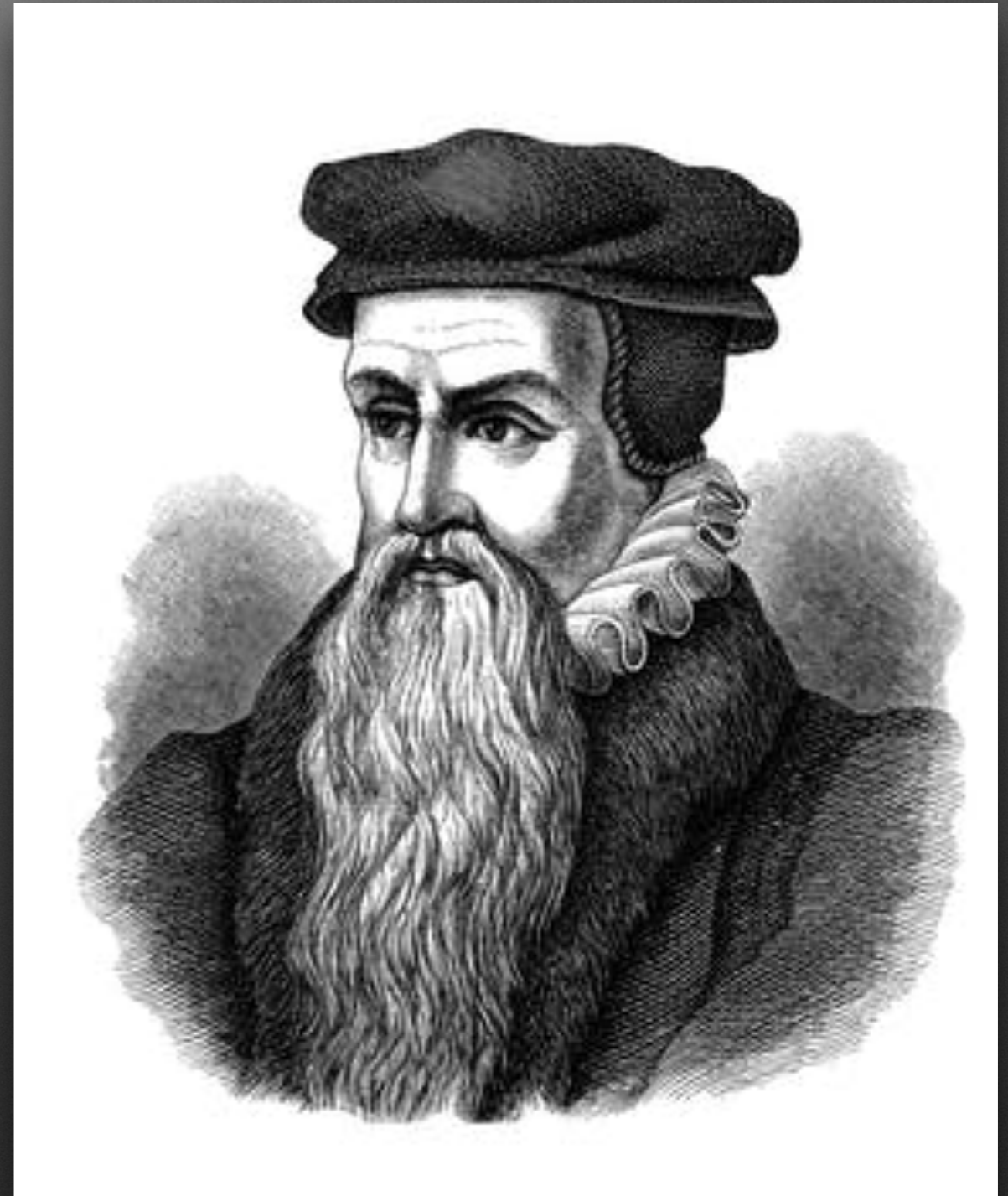
- ♦ *Sola Gratia* - Salvation is by Grace alone (undeserved)
- ♦ *Sola Fide* - Through Faith alone (without works)
- ♦ *Solus Christus* - In Christ alone (the only name under heaven...)
- ♦ *Sola Scriptura* - According to Scripture alone (faith comes from hearing...)
- ♦ *Soli Deo Gloria* - For the Glory of God alone

- **Soteriology**

- **God - The Sovereign & The Enabler**
- **Man - Depraved & unable**

Theodore Beza (1519-1605)

- Calvin's disciple & successor in Geneva
 - Fellow Frenchman who fled to Switzerland
 - Eventually landed in Geneva (1559)
 - Calvin placed him as head of the academy
 - Lead the reformed church after Calvin's death.



Theoretical Theology

INFRALAPSARIAN ORDER OF DECREES

God decrees to create humanity

He decrees to permit the fall of humanity

He decrees to save some sinners out of fallen humanity (**election**), and leave the rest in sin.

He decrees the mission of Christ to save the elect

SUPRALAPSARIAN ORDER OF DECREES

God decrees to give eternal blessedness to some (**election**)

He decrees to create the elect and the non-elect

He decrees to permit the fall of the elect and the non-elect

He decrees the mission of Christ to save the elect

Jacob Arminius (1560-1609)

- A Dutchman
 - Orphaned by the war for Independence from Spain
 - Well looked after
- Pupil of Beza
 - Began publicly doubting after ordination
- Professor of Theology in Leyden 1603
- Rejected reformed soteriology in favor of RCC



Arminius' View

- God's predestination of sinners is NOT unconditional
- Predestination is conditional upon the sinner's faith
- God elects to salvation those who He knows will believe
- The sinner's choice is not caused or enabled by God but a cooperation between divine and human will

Synod of Dort (1617-19)

- Arminian Grievances:
 - Deny the Total Depravity of mankind
 - Deny Unconditional Election by God of the redeemed before the foundations of the earth
 - Deny Limited Atonement of Jesus Christ for the elect only
 - Deny Irresistible Grace from God to His elect
 - Deny the Perseverance of the Saints
- This is Roman soteriology, not Protestant in any form or fashion

Conclusion

- Every action has a reaction. Every act of faithfulness will be met by the enemy.
- The Protestant Reformation brought the truth of God's Word back into the hands of the people.
 - Rome doubles down on her damnable heresies.
 - Jacob Arminius drives a wedge of heresy into the Reformed branch