



## #2 Five Hundred Years Since *What?*

### ***Why Study The Reformation?***

1. To avoid the errors of the past...*"Those who don't learn from history are destined to **REPEAT** it"*
2. To acquire or deepen a sense of "**ROOTEDNESS**" in our faith
3. To be dissuaded from "chronological **SNOBBERY**"
4. To be challenged to deeper **DEVOTION** to Christ and His Truth
5. To become educated regarding the distinctions between Roman **CATHOLICISM** and Protestantism
6. To gain an appreciation for the **HISTORICAL BASIS** for certain modern Protestant church practices

### ***What Exactly Was "The Reformation?"***

#### ***Distinctives Of The Medieval Roman Catholic Church***

The Pope — The Mass — Salvation through faith plus works—  
Purgatory — Cult of the Saints — "The Treasury of Merits"  
Indulgences

#### ***What Factors and Conditions led to The Reformation?***

- A. A **NEW ERA** seemed imminent
- B. The Roman Catholic Church was steadily losing **CREDIBILITY**
  - a. A century-long crisis of authority
  - b. A crisis of respectability
- C. A polarizing Oxford priest named **JOHN WYCLIFFE**
- D. A Bohemian firebrand named **JAN HUS**
- E. The rise of the "**HUMANISTS**" and Erasmus' Greek translation of the New Testament
- F. The tech revolution: Gutenberg's **PRINTING PRESS**

#### ***What Were The Main Issues Being Contested?***

- A. The practice of selling **INDULGENCES**
- B. The supreme authority of the **POPE**
- C. The **MASS** as the re-sacrificing of Christ
- D. The teaching of salvation by faith plus **WORKS**

#### ***Who Were The Key Figures In Starting And Spreading The Reformation?***

- A. The German monk, Martin Luther (1483-1546)
- B. The French humanist, **JOHN CALVIN** (1509-1564)
- C. The Swiss priest, Ulrich **ZWINGLI** (1484-1531)

#### ***What Can Modern-Day Followers Of Jesus Learn From The Reformation?***

A CONFIRMATION:

A REBUKE:

AN ENCOURAGEMENT:

A CAUTION:

ANOTHER CAUTION:

A WARNING:

A CAUSE FOR JOY:

A CHALLENGE: