

Martin Luther and The Reformation

form-root word of
Reformation

test-root word of
Protestant

Luther (1483-1546)

- was a German monk
- he travelled to Rome on a pilgrimage
- he was shocked by

what he saw

- Church officials living like princes

- church officials involved in govt. affairs - corruption

- got home, wrote all of his protests against RCC down on paper and nailed the papers to the front door of his local church

-these were called

The 95 Theses

-his #1 problem,

Indulgences-

money payments for
forgiveness of sins

-really just a way for
RCC to make money

-his #1 belief,

Justification by faith
alone

- basically that an individual doesn't need a "middle-man" to get saved, only a personal relationship w/ God

- this denies the authority of the church and pope

- he is named a heretic, (someone who goes against the will of RCC)

and is excommunicated
(thrown out of RCC)
-his distance from Rome,
and the protection of
some wealthy German
princes saves him
importance

A) begins Reformation
in Europe

B) Lutheranism is 1st
Protestant religion

C) wars fought between Catholics & Protestants

- English-Spanish War
- civil wars in Germany and France

D) forces RCC clean up its act, starts a Counter Reformation

- RCC ends most abuses

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E) however, Catholics
continue to kill many
non-believers...

notably The Spanish
Inquisition

F) RCC ^{& protestants} sponsor
trips of exploration
to New World to
look for people to
convert

Constantine splits
Roman Empire
313 AD

Western Roman
Empire

WRE falls
in 476

Roman Catholics

RCC

1517
Protestants

Eastern Roman
Empire

becomes
Byzantine Emp

Eastern
Orthodox
Christians

- Lutherans
- Anglicans
- Baptists
- Presbyterians
- Calvinists
- Episcopalians
- Methodists