

**“You Impious and Sensate Papist!':
The Story of Martin Luther and the New Reformation”—2
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- December 10, 1520
- Luther *Against the Execrable Bull of Antichrist*: “Peter said that you should give a reason for the faith that is in you, but this bull condemns me from its own word without any proof from Scripture, whereas I back up all my assertions from the Bible. I ask thee, ignorant Antichrist, dost thou think that with thy naked words thou canst prevail against the armor of Scripture? . . . O meticulous ignorance! . . . you impious and insensate [comatose] papist. . . . [A]s they excommunicated me . . . so I excommunicate them in the name of the sacred truth of God. Christ will judge whose excommunication will stand. Amen.” (Roland Bainton *Here I Stand: A Life of Luther* 125-126)
- Luther: “Since they have burned my books, I burn theirs. The canon law was included because it makes the pope a god on earth. So far I have merely fooled with this business of the pope. All my articles condemned by Antichrist are Christian. Seldom has the pope overcome anyone with Scripture and with reason.” (Bainton 128)
- James Kittelson: “This focus on Christ could give even the most tormented soul absolute assurance. Where was the release from accusations of conscience or God’s law? ‘Nowhere save from Christ and in Christ. For if some complaint should be registered against a heart that believes in Christ, and testify against it concerning some evil deed, then the heart turns itself away, and turns to Christ, and says, “But he made satisfaction. He is the righteous one, and this is my defense. He died for me, he made his righteousness mine and made my sin his own; and if he made my sin his own, then I do not have it, and I am free.”’” (*Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career* 95)

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- The Five Sola’s: *Solus Christus*—“Christ alone” *Sola fide*—“faith alone” *Sola gratia*—“grace alone” *Sola scriptura*—“Scripture alone” and *Soli Deo gloria*—“glory of God alone”
- L. E. Froom: “Luther’s break with Rome was a spectacle equaling, if not surpassing, in moral sublimity any other scene unfolded in the Christian Era. . . . [I]t was evident that nothing in this old world is more powerful than a prophetic truth whose time has come. It has impelling force and power within it. Thus it was with the Reformation, which was really born of a twofold discovery—first, the rediscovery of _____ and His salvation; and second, the discovery of the identity of _____ and his subversions.” (*Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* 2:243)
- Martin Luther’s understanding of Bible prophecy:
 - 1 John 2:18, 22—The Antichrist (GK: “_____ Christ”) is coming.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4—The man of lawlessness/the man of sin will assert himself to be _____ on earth.
 - Daniel 7:25—The “little horn” power of Daniel 7 will speak against the _____, persecute the saints and change times and laws.
 - Revelation 13:3ff—Luther identified the beast of Revelation 13, the fallen woman in Revelation 17 and Babylon in Revelation 18 with the _____.
 - Not only Martin Luther, but subsequently William Tyndale, John Calvin, John Knox, John Wesley and a host of other lesser known Reformers saw in Rome the coming of the _____ as prophesied in Scripture. (L. E. Froom 2:528-531)

- “From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017”:
 - “1. In 2017, Lutheran and Catholic Christians will commemorate _____ the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Lutherans and Catholics today enjoy a growth in mutual understanding, cooperation, and respect. They have come to acknowledge that _____ unites than divides them: above all, common faith in the Triune God and the revelation in Jesus Christ, as well as recognition of the basic truths of the doctrine of justification.”
[\(http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/lutheran-fed-docs/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_2013_dal-conflitto-alla-comunione_en.html#Five_Ecumenical_Imperatives_\)](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/lutheran-fed-docs/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_2013_dal-conflitto-alla-comunione_en.html#Five_Ecumenical_Imperatives_)
 - “16. What happened in the past cannot be changed, but what is remembered of the past and how it is remembered can, with the passage of time, indeed change. Remembrance makes the past present. While the past itself is unalterable, the presence of the past in the present is alterable. In view of 2017, the point is not to tell a different history, but to tell that history _____.”

- John 17:17—“Sanctify them by Your truth; Your word is truth.”

- Pew Research Center:
 - About half of U.S. Protestants (____%) say both good deeds and faith in God are needed to get into heaven, a historically Catholic position. The other half (____%) say that faith alone is needed to attain salvation.
 - U.S. Protestants also are split on another issue that played a key role in the Reformation: (____%) say the Bible provides all the religious guidance Christians need, a traditionally Protestant belief known as *sola scriptura*. But (____%) say Christians should look for guidance from church teachings and traditions as well as from the Bible, the position held by the Catholic Church.
 - Just (____%) of all U.S. Protestants affirm both *sola fide* and *sola scriptura*.
[\(http://www.pewforum.org/2017/08/31/after-500-years-reformation-era-divisions-have-lost-much-of-their-potency/\)](http://www.pewforum.org/2017/08/31/after-500-years-reformation-era-divisions-have-lost-much-of-their-potency/)

- Ellen White: “The Roman Church now presents a fair front to the world, covering with apologies her record of horrible cruelties. She has clothed herself in Christlike garments; but she is _____. Every principle of the papacy that existed in past ages exists today. The doctrines devised in the darkest ages are still held. Let none deceive themselves. The papacy that Protestants are now so ready to honor is the same that ruled the world in the days of the Reformation, when men of God stood up, at the peril of their lives, to expose her iniquity. . . . There has been a change; but the change is not in the papacy. Catholicism indeed resembles much of the Protestantism that now exists, because Protestantism has so greatly degenerated since the days of the Reformers.” (*The Great Controversy* 571)
- “The Reformation did not, as many suppose, end with Luther. It is to be continued to the close of this world’s history.” (148)
 - “There was a present truth in the days of Luther—a truth at that time of special importance; there is a present truth for the church today.” (143)
 - “Those who present the truth for this time should not expect to be received with greater favor than were earlier reformers. The great controversy between truth and error, between Christ and Satan, is to increase in intensity to the close of this world’s history.” (144)

Anybody left after Martin to take a stand one more time?

Christ, Antichrist, instead of, God, “Most High”, papacy, Antichrist, together, more, differently, 52, 46, 46, 52, 30, changed