

Making the Good Confession: The 16th Century Reformers

Reformation Subjects

- God's Timing for Revival - Pondering God's purposes and ways
- The Predecessors – The Brethern of the Common Life, the Waldensians, and others
- The Humanists: Disiderius Erasmus, Johann Reuchlin, John Colet, and Jacque Lefevre D'Etaples
- John Wyclif and John Hus , The Renaissance/ Reformation Papacy –The failed attempts at Conciliar reform – The Borgia Popes – Corruption through and through.
- Martin Luther – The early years
- Martin Luther - Taking a stand - the “protestant issues”
- Martin Luther – Debates - The Road to Worms
- Huldrich Zwingli and Zurich– the Swiss chaplain
- John Oecolampadius and Basle and the Early Swiss Reformers
- Martin Bucer and Strassburg
- Reformation or Revolution – Wittenberg in 1523 Carlstadt
- The Devil Strikes Back: The Knight's War, Peasant's Revolt and Humanist desertions. Phillip Melanchthon – Luther's heir apparent and a devil: Thomas Munzter
- The Radicals – and the groups that came out of them: Menno Simons, Jacob Hut, Balthazer Hubmaier (2 weeks)
- Women of the Reformation: Wives of the Reformers
- Women of the Reformation: 16th Centurn Marriages and the Reformation's impact on Culture
- Henry the 8th and the Four Tom's: Wolsey and More and Cromwell and Cranmer – the mechanics of reform in England and the six wives
- From Edward VI to Elizabeth the Ist – Shaping The Anglican Church in England; Bloody Mary's Martyrs
- William Farel, John Calvin and Geneva
- What is Calvinism?
- French Calvinsim and The Huguenot fires; The Royal Counter-Reformations
- Huguenot fires in the Lowlands and More Counter-Reformation: Spain, the Jesuits and The battle in the Netherlands: Henry of Navarre and William of Orange
- The Forgotten Reformers in Scandinavia – Eastern Europe – Italy
- Calvinism's Redoubt: Scotland and John Knox – Setting the Stage for Presbyterianism
- Consolidating the Reformation: Guido de Bres, Heinrich Bullinger, Theodore Beza
- Writing the The Heidelberg Catechism
- Father Christmas and Mr. Grinch: The Reformers and Christmas

Reformation Topics: (hopefully to be addressed in these lectures)

- Justification vs. works
- Scripture: Translation Interpretation Authority
- Worship – the regulatory principle Images and organs?
- The Lord's Supper – vs. the Mass? Elements? Presence?
- The Word Preached and confessed
- Predestination
- Clergy and Laity – The breakdown of fuedal society
- Marriage and family life – Something new in the Church!
- Protestantism and the rise of capitalism
- Anabaptists and Baptism – Why Protestant persecutions
- Social Concerns: The poor and needy : the Peasant rebellions
- Church and State – the king and magistrate – the military and just wars
- The Nature of the Church
- The Reformation and missions
- The Reformation and the Arts