

**Reformation Sunday:
Looking Back, Moving Forward
Hebrews 13:7**

What is the Reformation?

The Reformation was a _____ changing time of God's tremendous working in which the Holy Spirit opened the _____ of a _____ world to the _____ of the Son found in the Word of God

When and where did it happen?

-On October 31st, _____ a relatively unknown monk named Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses on the door of the castle at _____ (Germany)

Why was there a need for Reformation?

-The shift from _____ to _____ led to a "church" that no longer stood for sound doctrine

How did God bring about the Reformation?

-Through His saving _____ that opened the eyes of a tormented monk

Helpful resources:

Bainton, Roland H. *Here I Stand: a Life of Martin Luther*. Reprint ed. Peabody, MA: Abingdon Press, 2013.

Nichols, Stephen J. *Martin Luther: A Guided Tour of His Life and Thought*. Phillipsburg, N.J.: P&R Pub., 2002.

Works by Luther:

Luther, Martin. *The Bondage of the Will*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2012

Luther, Martin. *Commentary On Galatians*. Grand Rapids, MI: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012.

Brief Timeline of Luther's Life

1483-Martin Luder is born (while learning Latin he chose to adopt the Latin version of his last name-Luther)

1502-1505-Earned his B.A. and M.A. in law

1505 (July 2nd)-Makes a vow to become a monk

1512-Receives Doctorate degree in theology and is appointed to teach theology at Wittenberg

1517-Nailing of the Ninety-five theses

1518-Born again by the power of God through his reading of Romans 1:17

1520-Receives Papal Bull

1521-Diet of Worms-followed by his time of "exile" at Wartburg Castle

1522-Returns to Wittenberg

1525-Writes *Bondage of the Will*

1525-Marries Katherina Van Bora

1527-Writes *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

1534-Finishes and publishes a completed German Bible

1546-The death of Martin Luther

The last words of Luther:

"I thank you God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have revealed your dear Son to me, in whom I have believed, and whom I have preached, confessed, and trusted."