The Reformation

"You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say."
Martin Luther

"How soon "not now" becomes never."
Martin Luther

"I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen."

Martin Luther

Disputation of Ms R. Bouttell on the Power and Efficacy of the School System

- Out of love and concern for the truth, the following will be the subject of public discussion in Rm 237 this afternoon. Ms Bouttell requests that whoever cannot be present personally to debate the matter orally will do so in absence in writing.

1. Our Lord God the Father should be the head of our school. Directors and principals and teachers should not take His place.
2. The Principals and Vice Principals can not properly interpret the meaning of the words discipline. God can only do that.
3. If you have sinned unto the shelter of the school system, if you have true inward penitence, you will be forgiven.
4. There is no authority that should say "If you buy Ms Bouttell a coffee you will be awarded academically".
5. The cornerstone idea of the school system is that we are a school where all are equal and therefore we should be free from corrupt authority and coercion.

The Reformation Defined

A Christian reform movement in Europe from the 14th - 17th centuries resulting in the split in Christianity between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism.
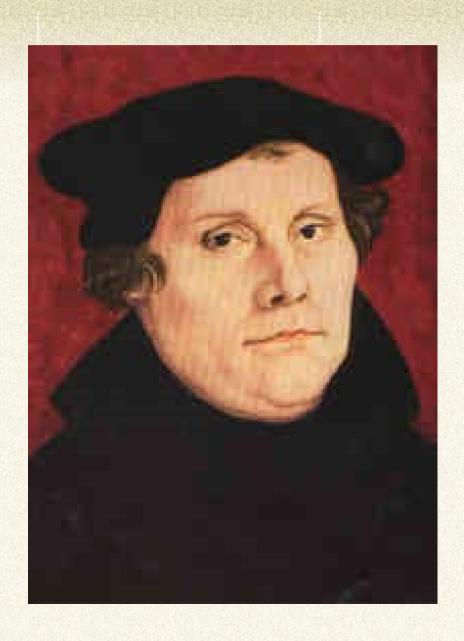
Causes of the Reformation

- Anti-Clericalism
- A time of questioning and discussion (more urban centers)
- Appetite for Spiritual Experiences
- Sale of Indulgences – Launched by Pope Leo
- Simony
- Salvation/Humanism – Erasmus and Thomas More worked within the Church and Martin Luther rejected it.
- Belief in Faith Alone (sola fide) and Scripture Alone (sola scripture)
- Growth of Middle Class – reduced power of the Church

Some good lecture notes

- http://www.historyguide.org/earlymod/lecture3c.html

In Walks.....

- Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)