

Martin Luther



His ideas were:

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Faith saves people - not good works

-Catholic church = salvation by following church

Q: Who will not like this idea of Luther's? Why?

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Ultimate authority for Christians = Bible

Q: Who will this anger? Who did Catholics think was the authority?

-Catholic Church says Pope is Ultimate Authority

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Nobody is more important in God's eyes

Q: In Catholic hierarchy who was most important?

-laity is equal to clergy Q: Will the Church agree?

Important Luther Events



- 1517 - Luther nails 95 Theses (ideas) on his church's door
- Luther from Holy Roman Empire (Germany)
- Pope excommunicates Luther - kicks him out
- Church declares Luther a heretic
- Luther goes into hiding & writes New Testament in German
- Luther's ideas spread to princes in German city-states
- Luther's followers form 1st Protestant Christian group

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Why were Luther and his followers called Protestants?

**Because they
protested
against the
Catholic
Church.**



**Why is it said that the
Protestants started a
Reformation?**

**Because they wanted the
Catholic Church to reform
- or change.**