

Church History 08 – **Later Reformers**

*We should have Bible Authority for all
We Do in Christianity.*

(Col 3:17) “Whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do all in the name of the Lord.”

2 Tim 3:16 *All Scripture* is *inspired* by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man God may be adequate,
equipped for every good work.

Matt 15:9 “In vain do they worship Me,
Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.”



EARLY CALLS FOR



The Reformation

Early Calls for Reform

1. **Helvidius, Rome**, c AD 383 pamphlet against perpetual virginity of Mary. [*Mk 6:3; Mt 13:55f*]
2. **Vigilantius**, [c AD 400], presbyter in **France & Spain**; author of a treatise that argued against: *Relics, Celibacy for clerics, false miracles at tombs.*
3. **Peter Waldo**, France 1200. *Came across a Bible in French dialect. Began preaching that: No **transubstantiation**. All believers are **priests**, **Local church** rule. Praying to the **dead** is useless! **Extreme unction** is unscriptural. Clergy can **marry**. No **purgatory**! **Holy Water** same as Rainwater! **Relics** were simply rotten bones of whoever. **The Bible** is the only source for our Authority!*

Early Calls for Reform

4. John Wycliffe: England, AD 1375.
He said *Christ* was head of Church *not* the Pope! The *Bible* is the sole authority, not the church! No *transubstantiation*. No *purgatory*, clerical celibacy, indulgences & monasticism corrupt.



5. John Huss: Prague, Czech AD 1400
He discovered the Bible & Wycliffe's writings. Taught Bible was *authority*. No *indulgences*, no *pope*, no *relics*, no pray to *images*, auricular *confession*. He was burned at the stake for "*Heresy*".



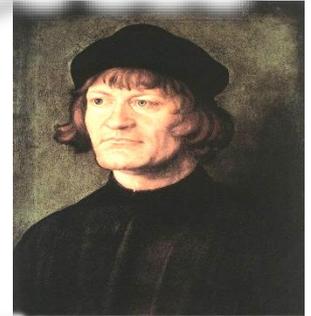
Early Calls for **Reform**

6. Ulrich Zwingli: Switzerland , AD1500

Pastor in Zurich. **Read NT in Greek.**

Said: No **Tithes** & or **instrumental** music!

Bible is our sole authority. No **clerical celibacy**, no **Images**, no **relics**, no **mass**, no **transubstantiation**, **infant baptism** or **anything** not found in the Bible.



7. Martin Luther: Germany, Ordained 1507

Lectured on Romans 1511. Nailed **95 Thesis 1517.**

#2 No such thing as **penance**. #6 **Pope** can't remit guilt. #27 **Human** doctrine says souls fly out of purgatory when money clinks in chest. #52 **Vain** to trust in letters of indulgences. #82 Why doesn't pope empty purgatory for **love** not miserable \$\$\$?



Later Reformers & Issues



How do Catholics Defend **Purgatory** ?

Some say it's **BIBLICAL** ! (2 Macc 12:46)

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to **pray for the dead**, that they may be loosed from sins."*

Wait ! Is this even canonical??? (2 Macc 12:46)

Who said it? Judas Maccabeus, HP/general. v38-**42**

Of Whom ? Jews w/idol stuff under their coat v **40**

Unbiblical Solution? Send money to Jeru for sacrifice & pray for Idolaters v.46 ! ***Is this Mosaic Law???***

How do Catholics Defend **Purgatory** ?

Some say There's NT evidence of **Purgatory** !
(1 Pet 1:6-7) Rejoice, even *though now* for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials that proof of your faith ... even *though tested by fire..*"

*But this deals with problems during **OUR LIFE** !*

1 Cor 3:15 "If any man's *work is burned up*, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be **saved**,
yet so as through fire."

*My life's efforts may fail—but I can still be **Saved***

How do Catholics Defend **Purgatory** ? Job 1:5

Some cite *John Chrysostom* who said: "**If Job's sons** were purified by their father's sacrifice, why **would we doubt** that **our offerings for the dead** bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

But Chrysostom was an Archbishop of Constantinople in 400AD **Not a Prophet**. Was Job even under **Mosaic Law** at this time? **Best you can get is Job did it for LIVING sons !**

The 14 books of Apocrypha
weren't removed from
the Bible.



It was **NEVER** a part of it.

Bible Writers Recognized Canonical Books

- a. **Jesus** recognized **OT** as authoritative (Mt 5:18; Lk 24:44^f)
- b. **Apostles** recognized **OT** as authoritative.
(1Pet 2:21) “Holy men of old moved by the Holy Spirit.
(Rom 3:21) “The Law & the Prophets.” –Paul
- c. **Apostles claimed it** for own writings (1Cor 2:12-13)
(1 Cor 14:37; 1Thes 2:13 “Word of God”)
- d. **Peter claimed Paul’s** writing was scripture. (2 Pet 3:16)
- e. **Paul endorsed Gospel** writings as scripture (1 Tim 5:18)
Laborer quote occurs only in (Mt 10:10b & Lk 10:7)

Reasons **Apocryphal** Books Never Accepted !

1. They were never once quoted by Jesus or the Apostles! (33 AD)
[Although there are hundreds of quotes from almost every OT book]
2. Jewish philosopher Philo (ca. 50 AD) never quoted them.
[Although he quoted the OT prolifically]
3. Jewish historian Josephus (ca. AD. 80) *excluded the Apocrypha.*
4. Jewish Scholars of Jamnia (AD. 90) did not recognize them...
[Met in council of Jamnia to determine canonicity after dest. of Jeru]
5. Early religious leaders *didn't accepted them:*
Not Irenaeus ca. 180 AD; Nor Tertullian ca. 200 AD. "Not canonical"
Not scholar Jerome ca. 400 AD; Not Reformer Martin Luther 1530 AD.
6. Apocrypha has Historical, geographical, & chronological errors!
7. Apocrypha teaches doctrines contrary to Bible!
Ie. Prayers & sacrifice to atone for dead & free from sin (2 Macc 12:42-46)
Contrast (Ezk 18:24; 2Cor 5:10)

John Calvin's T-U-L-I-P !

Born in France: AD 1509

In University he studied Law 1529.

He was converted about 1533.

1539 He wrote Institutes of the Christian Religion Age 26. Geneva, Switzerland.



Total Heredity Depravity? (cf Mt 18:3)

Unconditional Election? (cf Rev 22:17; Acts 16:31)

Limited Atonement? (John 3:16; Act 10:34; Ro 2:11)

Irrresistible Grace (cf Mt 13:15; Acts 7:51; Jer 7:13)

Perseverance of saints (Gal 5:4; Hb 6:4ff; 2 Pet 2:21)

Religious Upheaval in Europe

Religious Divisions of Europe



The Restoration *Principle*

Isa 8:20 *“To the law and to the testimony!*
If they do not speak according to this word,
it is because there is no light in them.” NKJV

Jer 6:16 “Stand in the ways and see , *and ask for
the old paths, where the good way is,* and walk
in it. Then you will find rest for your souls.
But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’ NKJV

1 Peter 4:11 “If anyone speaks, let him
speak as the oracles of God.” NKJV

Speak Where the Bible Speaks