

# 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





# 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*".





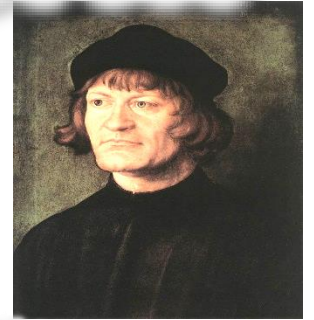
# Early Calls for **Reform**

**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<sup>f</sup>)
- 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





# 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**