

# Study Guide

## for the Exam on Martin Luther

1. **What year was Martin Luther born?** a. 1483    b. 1492    c. 1517
2. **Name the town where Luther was born.** a. Eisberg    b. Eisleben    c. Eiskalt    d. Eiscreme
3. **Bibles were such a precious and rare item in Luther's day that he didn't see his first Bible until he was ...**
  - a. 5 years old.
  - b. 10 years old.
  - c. in his teens or a little older.
  - d. older than our pastor.
4. **What was invented not long before Luther was born that changed people's access to printed material (including the Bible)?** \_\_\_\_\_.
5. **What are two reasons Luther decided to become a monk?**
  1. [He made a promise \(vow\) to St. Anne if she would save him in a lightning storm.](#)
  2. [He was scared for his eternal salvation and was trying to get right with God.](#)
6. **In 1509 Luther became a professor at the University of** \_\_\_\_\_.
7. **What did Luther do in Rome and what terrible thing did he see?**
  1. [He prayed and observed relics in the hopes of getting relatives \(and himself\) out of purgatory.](#)
  2. [He saw the corruption of the priests there.](#)
8. **Which Old Testament book of the Bible was Luther studying when he was puzzling over the concept God being righteous?** [The Book of Psalms](#) (and in particular Psalm 22 where we read "My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?")
9. **Which New Testament book is where Luther found his answer?**
  - a. John
  - b. Romans
  - c. 1 Corinthians
  - d. James
  - e. Isaiah
10. **The key passage he read when he had his "Tower Experience" was (fill in the blanks):**

[Romans 1:16-17](#) "For I am not ashamed of the \_\_\_\_\_, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The \_\_\_\_\_ shall live by \_\_\_\_\_." (*Romans 1:16-17 ESV*)

11. A second important passage from the Bible that helped Luther understand God's righteousness (fill in the blanks): **Romans 3:21-24** "But now the \_\_\_\_\_ of God has been manifested apart from the \_\_\_\_\_, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God, and are \_\_\_\_\_ by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (*Romans 3:21-24 ESV*)
12. The practice in the Church that caused Luther to act on his understanding of God's grace and to write a response was the sale of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Luther's response was to nail 95 theses to the church door in Wittenburg on (date:) \_\_\_\_\_, 15\_\_\_\_. This *date* is considered the beginning of the R \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
14. Luther was protected in Wittenburg by the one who had hired him to work at his university. His name was Duke \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, the Elector of Saxony.
15. It took some time for things to develop but eventually Luther was condemned by Pope Leo X in 1520 when he issued a Papal \_\_\_\_\_ which labeled Luther as a heretic and excommunicated him. It also ordered that all of Luther's writings were to be burned. In Wittenburg they burned Leo's writing instead.
16. in 1521 Luther was summoned to an Imperial \_\_\_\_\_ (an official meeting of government and church leaders) in the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. At this meeting Luther refused to \_\_\_\_\_ what he had written. (*The fill-in-the-blank word means "to reject or repent of what one has written or said"*).
18. In order for him to do what the Roman Church requested he insisted that he be shown from Scripture alone where he was wrong.
19. Luther was declared an \_\_\_\_\_ by the Emperor.
20. On the way back home, he was kidnapped and taken to hide at \_\_\_\_\_ Castle.
- a. Disney  
b. Wartburg  
c. Neuschwanstein  
d. Wikipedia  
e. Emperor's

21. He had been kidnapped by his friend and protector, \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ .
22. While hiding at this castle Luther was disguised as a knight but kept himself busy by doing what major thing (that took him 100 days to accomplish)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
23. 5 Key points to Luther's teachings based on the Word of God are what make us the Lutheran Church today. They are:
- (1) J \_\_\_\_\_ by G \_\_\_\_\_ through F \_\_\_\_\_. Luther's revelation that he experienced in the Black Tower at Wittenberg lead to this understanding.
- (2) This became the motto of the Reformation: *Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura* which means, G \_\_\_\_\_ alone, F \_\_\_\_\_ alone, S \_\_\_\_\_ alone. These three guide our principles of teaching and establishing what is truthfully God's Word.
- (3) That we are at the same time, sinners and saints (In Latin '*simul justus et peccator*'). This means that we still have sin in our lives but because of Christ's forgiveness won on the cross, we are saints in the eyes of God.
- (4) 2 Sacraments. In simple terms a Sacrament is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (GGG); it is \_\_\_\_\_ (IBC); and has His Word of Promise joined to a \_\_\_\_\_ (W+VE). The two sacraments are H \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ and H \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_. (If you can't remember the acronyms GGG, IBC, W+VE then see your Small Catechism pp. 281-284 for similar descriptions of a Sacrament.)
- (5) The Universal Church—in other words, this is the Church (with a capital 'C') that is made up of all believers everywhere who are faithfully following Christ. One church body cannot claim it is the one and only true "Church" on earth.
24. In 1525 Luther married \_\_\_\_\_ who used to be a nun. Together they had several children.
25. Having a family helped Luther to gain even more insights into Christian Education. Luther saw it was important for all to learn (even girls) and especially that they learn

about God and His love for them. With that in mind, he wrote the S\_\_\_\_\_

C\_\_\_\_\_ to help parents teach their children about the Christian faith.

26. This book has 6 Chief Parts. They are:

(1) The Ten Commandments

(4) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(2) The Apostles' Creed

(5) Confession

(3) The Lord's Prayer

(6) The Sacrament of Holy Communion

27. The Ten Commandments can be summed up into two commandments. They are (see Matt 22:36-40):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

28. Luther divided the Apostles' Creed into 3 articles with explanations. These articles focus on: (see your Small Catechism pp. 15-17)

(1) God the \_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_

(2) God the \_\_\_\_\_ and our R\_\_\_\_\_

(3) God the \_\_\_\_\_ and our S\_\_\_\_\_

29. The Lord's Prayer is divided up into \_\_\_\_\_ Petitions and a Conclusion.

30. In Baptism we receive the gifts of the H\_\_\_\_\_, S\_\_\_\_\_, F\_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_, & E\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_. (see your Small Catechism p. 24)

31. In the Lord's Supper we receive C\_\_\_\_\_ 's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

32. The benefits we receive in the Holy Communion are F\_\_\_\_\_, L\_\_\_\_\_ & S\_\_\_\_\_. (see your Small Catechism p. 31)

33. The power to forgive sins is given to the Church and is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Confession and Absolution are a part of this.) (see your Small Catechism p. 29)

34. In 1530, Martin Luther was still an outlaw so he could not attend the next Imperial "meeting" in Augsburg where the princes who followed the teachings of the Lutheran faith presented a doctrine to the Emperor called the Augsburg Confession. They swore to stand by this presentation of the Christian faith and die by it if need be.

35. Luther fell ill while traveling to a meeting. On February 18, \_\_\_\_\_ he died in the same town where he was born.
36. Know the following Bible verses, including where they are from (*three or more will be in the test as fill-in-the-blanks*):
- 1) The one who is righteous shall live by faith...(Romans 1:17)
  - 2) Take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My Spirit abides among you; do not fear. (Haggai 2:4-5)
  - 3) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)
  - 4) The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)
  - 5) I treasure Your Word in my heart, so that I may not sin against You. (Psalm 119:11)
  - 6) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Matthew 6:9-13 {ESV})

#### EXTRA CREDIT

1. According to the Roman Catholic Church, a place that was a temporary hell to pay for your “remaining” sins: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The name for someone who “*protested*” the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church as being unBiblical: \_\_\_\_\_ (*It is a term that is applied to us and 342 million other Christians throughout the world.*)
3. A heretic is someone who maintains religious opinions contrary to those accepted by his or her church or rejects doctrines prescribed by that church.
4. Excommunication means you’re kicked out of the Church (and therefore outside of God’s forgiving grace).