# The Age Of Enlightenment & The Reformation

- John Wycliffe English Reformer (1329-1384)
- Teacher At Oxford University, England
- Began Lollards, Followers Preaching His Reform Message



# Teachings Of John Wycliffe

• 1376 Wrote *Of Civil Dominion* 

•Should Be Moral Basis For Ecclesiastical Leadership

•Land Ownership – Root Problem

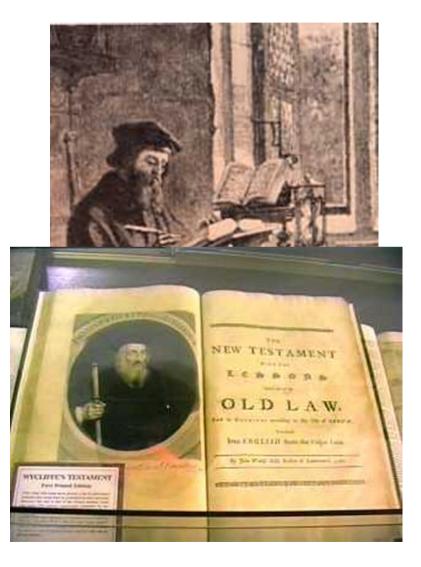
- Result- King John Of Gaunt, Gladly "Purified The Priesthood" By Relieving It Of Some Land
- After 1379 Opposed Catholic Dogma

   Authority Of The Pope Said Pope Was Not Head, But Christ Was, Called Pope – Anti-Christ

•The Bible, Not The Church Was Sole Authority Of Men

•Church Should Remodel Itself After The Pattern Of The New Testament

- 1382 Opposed Transubstantiation, Private Mass, Extreme Unction & Purgatory
- 1382 Translated The N.T. Into English



# The Wycliffe Translation

- Took 20 Years To Produce
- Not Entirely Produced By Wycliffe, Others Helped With Different Books
- Included The Old & New Testaments, & Apocrypha & Laodicensis
- Translation From Jerome's Latin Vulgate
- About 250 Manuscripts Of It Are Extant
- Books Are Broken Into Chapters And Verses
- Took One Year To Produce A Hand-Written Copy
- Copies Were Sold For £40
- People Paid For The Privilege Of Reading It For An Hour – Sometimes Wagon Loads of Hay Were Paid



Beginning of the Gospel of John from a 14th century copy of Wycliffe's translation.

# Result Of Wycliffe's Work

- 1382 Wycliffe's Views Were Condemned In London
- Was Forced To Retire To His Rectory At Lutterworth, England
- Died Of Paralysis In 1384
- Founded A Group Of Lay Preachers Called "Lollards"
  - •They Went Through England Teaching Wycliffe's Ideas
  - •1401 The Roman Church Forced The Statute:De Haeretico Comburendo Through English Parliament Making Lollard Teachings Punishable By Death
- 31 Years After His Death, Wycliffe Was Declared A Heretic, His Bones Were Dug Up And Burned And Through Into The Avon River





#### Jan Hus – 1373-1415 Prague, Czechoslovakia



St. Nicolas Church, Statue Of Jan Hus, Prague

- Bohemian Pastor Of Bethlehem Chapel
- 1409 Rector Of University Of Prague
- 1409 Directed National Bohemian Party – Calling For Reform
- Was Excommunicated As Heretic At Council Of Constance





St. Nicolas Church, Statue Of Jan Hus, Prague

# Jan Hus

Prague, Czechoslovakia

- 1413 Wrote *De Ecclesia* = "About The Church"
  - •Neither Popes Nor Cardinals Could Establish Doctrine Contrary To Scripture
  - •Christians Should Not Obey Papacy When Contrary To Scripture
  - •Openly Criticized Papacy
  - Condemned Image WorshipCondemned Sales Of Indulgences
- July 6, 1415, Burned At The Stake For Seeking To Reform The Church In Prague
- Known As The "John The Baptist" Of The Reformation





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# Taborites

Radical Followers Of Hus After His Death

- Group That More Fully Withdrew From Catholicism
- 1450 Some Of Taborites That Formed Unitas Fratrum (Unity Of Brethren, Unity Brethren) or Bohemian Brethren
- By 1517 Had 200,000 Members & Two Printing Presses
- Roots Of The Moravian Church of Today
- U.S. Headquarters In Pennsylvania

# Girolamo Savonarola





**Italian Priest** 

- 1474 Dominican Monk
- 1490 Assigned To Florence
- Tried To Reform Both State And Church
  - Preached Against The Evil Life Of The Pope
  - He Was Offered The Position Of Cardinal In Hopes That He Would Be Loyal To The Church, But He Refused
  - Convinced Artists And Writers To Burn Paintings And Books In The Streets Of Florence As An Effort Toward Purification

#### • Arrested And Tortured 6 Days

- Confessed To Doing Wrong Under Torture
- Retracted His Confession After Release
- 1498 Was Hanged, Then Body Burned

Troubles Existing In The Romish Church

#### Simony

 By "simony" is meant the purchase of an office in the church, the name and the offense coming from Simon Magus (the Sorcerer), who offered Peter money for the power to confer the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:9-24)

#### Simony was reformed by Gregory VII.

 It had grown up in the church as the feudal system came into being.

 The ecclesiastical vacancies were sold to the highest bidder.

 The most unsuitable persons became bishops and abbots (<u>Mediaeval and Modern</u> <u>History</u>, Myers, p.115-116)

#### The Sale Of Indulgences

- The purchase of forgiveness, both now and after death.
- John Tetzel's sale of Indulgences was the occasion for Martin Luther's break with Rome – 1517
- According to Roman teaching, purgatory is very much the same as hell, only it does not last as long, but all have to pass through it.
- The pope claimed to have the authority and power to lessen or remit these sufferings.
- It began with Popes Pascal I (817-824) and John VIII (872-882)
  - It was very profitable
  - Soon came into general use
  - They were offered as inducement to go on crusades or wars against heretics, etc.
- This became a way of "selling the privilege of sin" (Halley's Bible Handbook, Halley, p.787)

#### Note The Corruption Of The Papacy

- French control of the papacy (1303-1378)
  - Benedict XI (1303-1304)
  - After his death, papal place moved from Rome to Auignon, France
- "Babylonian Captivity" of the papacy (1305-1387)
  - Burdensome taxes were imposed
  - Church offices were sold for money
- The Papal Schism (1377-1417)
  - Two sets of popes, one at Rome, one at Auignon
  - Each set claimed to be "Vicar of Christ"
- Renaissance Popes (1447-1503)
  - Nicolas V (1447-1455), authorized the king of Portugal to war on Africans, making slaves of them
  - Paul II (1464-1471) filled his house with concubines
  - Innocent VIII (1484-1492) had 16 children by various married women
  - Alexander VI (1492-1503) was called the most corrupt of the Renaissance popes (Halley's Bible Handbook, Halley, p.778-779)

#### The Unam Sanctum - 1302

- Pope Boniface VIII and Philip IV, the Fair, (King of France) (1285-1314) were in a mortal quarrel.
- Letters were exchanged, and all decencies of language on both sides were cast away.
- In the end, the famous bull, called Unam Sanctam from the opening words, was published on Nov. 18, 1302.
  - It declared that every human being was subject to the Roman Pontiff, which is necessary for salvation.
  - Philip was not terrified
  - Philip led a band of lawless soldiers in an attack on Boniface and gained victory.

# Corruption Brought About Through Councils

### The Council Of Pisa, Italy (1409)

- It purposed two main objects:
  - The restoration of peace, by a restoration of unity of the church. Since 1378 two popes ruled: George XII in Rome, Italy and Benedict XIII in Avignon, France. The council of Pisa was to seek union of papal power, but failed.
  - The second, the reformation of it in head and in members.
- There were twenty three cardinals and either in person or by proxy, some two hundred bishops, nearly three hundred abbots, with doctors of theology and of the canon and the civil law, little short of five hundred, and others in assembly.
- It lasted a little more than four months; from March 25 to August 7, 1409
- The council became deserted by many of its principal members and was adjourned for three years.

#### The Council Of Constance 1414-1418

- French control of the papacy (1303-1378)
- Far surpassed that of Council of Pisa, and any which followed.
- The council proposed three objects:
  - To bring Schism to an end
  - To pass a judgment on the doctrines of Wycliffe and Hus
  - To carry out that same reform, a reform of the church in head and in members, which for all that were true of heart had been long the dearest object of their desire; and which the mournful experience had not yet taught them was never through a council to be obtained.
- The pope's aim was to bear the council in hand till a decent opportunity for getting rid of it shall arrive.

#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Humanism

- Petrarch (1304-1374)
  - Known as the first of the Humanists
  - Was the first to fully realize and appreciate the supreme excellence and beauty of classical literature and its value as a means of culture.
  - He had great feelings for the material monuments of classical antiquity.
  - He called into existence a school of ardent young humanists who looked up to him as master.

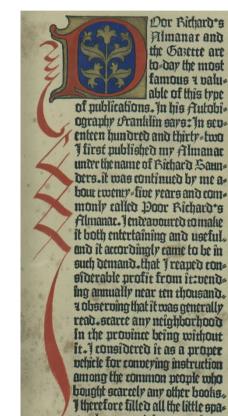
#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Humanism

- Humanism Develops.
  - With mid-fifteenth century invention of printing with movable type, popular education became widespread and new educational ideals arose.
  - Luther favored widespread teaching
  - The demand for books was great
  - The great controversies brought many pamphlets, tracts, and brilliant works on classics, history, criticism, education and politics
  - A study of the languages became common place for their aesthetic value – In the process leading to greater knowledge – Planting the seed for later revolt.

# The Johannes Gutenberg Printing Press - 1454



- Arguably History's Greatest Invention
- Produced In Mainz, Germany
- First Produced Book: The Bible



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#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Humanism

- Erasmus
  - One of the greatest humanists of the age was Erasmus of Rotterdam (1536)
  - A scholar, promoter of classical erudition
  - Editor of the Greek text of the Bible
  - Author of *The Praise of Folly* A renaissance satire looking at the frivolity of learning, but ending with the sharing of his concerns and beliefs of how Christians should act.



#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Humanism

- Other Leading Northern Humanists Of That Day:
  - Thomas More (1478-1535) – English Author & Catholic Martyr
  - Ulrich von Hutten (1488-1523) – German Patriot, Poet, Knight, Classical Scholar, Satirist



Thomas More



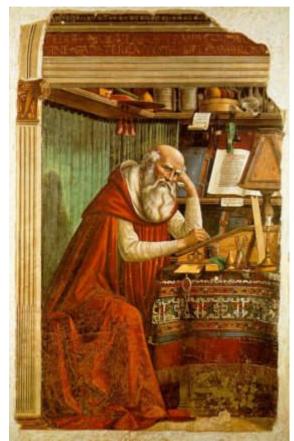
Ulrich von Hutten



 Johann Reuchlin (1455-1522) – German Humanist and Hebrew Scholar, Lexicographer

### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Bible Translations

- Practical reformation has never been possible without the average person having access to the scripture itself
- Early attempts to translate it into English were made before 1000 A.D.
- Wycliffe did not use the original Greek and Hebrew, but translated the Latin Vulgate of Jerome into English
  - This translation was used extensively by the Lollards, the followers of Wycliffe
  - It also influenced the Husite Reformation in Bohemia



Jerome – 5<sup>th</sup> Century Latin Bible Translator



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# William Tyndale 1494-1536

- Desired To See The Bible In The Hand Of Every Plowman
- Between 1525 & 1535 Produced English Translation While In Exile In Cologne & Worms, Germany
- The first printed English New Testament was that of William Tyndale (1495-1536); published part of the Old Testament also.
- 15,000 Copies Of The N.T. Were Issued
- Secretly Imported Into England In Bales Of Cotton, Sacks Of Flour And Other Means



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### William Tyndale 1494-1536

- He used the original language.
- Translated the New Testament in 1525
- The Pentateuch in 1530
- Book of Jonah in 1531
- Psalms in 1534
- His work was so good that when the King James Version was done later, it was about 90% identical with that of Tyndale.
- In Less Than 10 Years The Same King Commissioned Miles Coverdale To Revise Tyndale's Work
- About 12 or 13 Translations Precede The KJV

### Tyndale's Death



Sculpzed Dead Of William Tyndale from Sz Ounszanin-zhe-Wesz Church London

- October 6, 1536 Tyndale Was Strangled And Burned At The Stake.
- His Last Words Were, "Lord, Open The Eyes Of The King Of England."
- Today His Statue Stands On The River Thames In London Where He Was Not Allowed To Live During His Last Years Of Life

#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Bible Translations

- In 1535 the Miles Coverdale work began, which was taken mostly from Wycliffe and Tyndale.
- In 1557 the Bible was divided into chapters and verses. There was also a prologue to each book with summaries and notes throughout.
- By 1579 versions were so readily available that the average home was able to afford one.
- The Bishop's Bible was published in 1586; it was a revision of the Great Bible.

#### Planting The Seed Of Reform The Rise Of Knowledge: Bible Translations

- From 1615 till 1769 there were many revisions of the King James Version.
- A better English translation was published in 1881, due to the discoveries of the Codex Alexandrinus and Codex Sinaiticus
  - There were advanced orders for almost two million copies
  - Over three million copies were sold the first year
- In 1901, the American Revision Committee brought out a version which was more in keeping with American usage than the English version (The Eternal Kingdom, Mattox, p.274-278)

# Causes Of The Reformation 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries

#### Long Range Causes

- The church had apostatized from New Testament purity, and was corrupt in the dark ages
   These abuses came from within the church itself
   This had destroyed the unity
- There were many false doctrines in the church

#### Immediate Causes

- The papacy had reached the zenith of its power and was using it to promote its selfish interests
- The entire church could be characterized as being morally bankrupt
- It was under these conditions that sincere reformers arose to work for a moral and spiritual regeneration

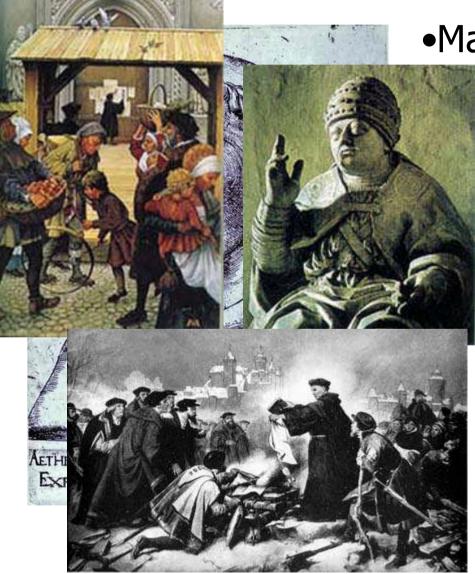
(The Eternal Kingdom, Mattox, p. 219-223)

### Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531)



- Swiss Reformer
- At Age 14 Went To Bern, Switzerland Studied Under Heinrich Wolfin
- Studied 2 Years At University Of Vienna
- 1506 Ordained A Priest
- 1519 He Became The People's Priest At Great Minster Church In Zurich
  - Launched Reformation By Preaching Biblical Sermons From Pulpit
  - Interpreted Scripture As Prohibiting What The Bible Did Not Specifically Prescribe
  - Called For Return The Apostolic Order Of The New Testament
  - Taught Memorial View Of The Lord's Supper – Debated Luther Over It
- Zwingli was killed in 1531, In Second Swiss Revolt Against Emperor Charles V

# 1500 – 1800 A.D.



#### •Martin Luther: 1483-1546

- Rebelled Against Papacy After A Visit To Rome
- Oct. 31, 1517 Nailed 95 Theses To The Door Of The Catholic Church At Wittenburg
- Pope Leo X Wrote And Told Luther To Recant, Or Excommunication
- John Tetzel's Sale Of Indulgences
- Luther Burns The Papal Bull And Is Excommunicated In 1520
- Spends The Rest Of His Life In Seclusion At Wartburg

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# Geneva Bible 1598 From The Book

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### Diet of Spier — 1526

- As Protestantism advanced, the execution of the Edict of Worms became less and less practicable.
- Many Catholics in the north had professed Luther's ideas while people in the south were predominately Catholic.
- This was made manifest at the Diet of Spier in 1526 under Archduke Ferdinand in the name of the emperor (Lutheran influence strong at this meeting)
- The Protestant princes dared for the first time to profess their faith
- The Diet came with the consent of Ferdinand to the unanimous conclusion Aug. 27, that a general or national council should be convened for the settlement of the church question concerning the Edict of Worms.

# Diet of Spier II — 1529

- The Second Diet of Speier convened in March, 1529 for action against the Turks and against further progress of Protestantism
- This meeting drew a majority of Catholics this time.
- The Diet neutralized the recess of the preceding Diet of 1526
  - It virtually condemned (without annulling) the innovations made
  - It forbade any further reformation until the meeting of the council
- The Lutheran members, under well-founded impression that the prohibition of any future reformation meant death to the whole movement, entered in the legal form of appeal, a protest, on April 25,1529, against those measures of the Diet which were contrary to the word of God.
- From this protest and appeal the Lutherans were called Protestants (History of the Christian Church, Schaff, vol.7, p.683-686, 690-693)

# John Calvin 1509-1564



- Born Noyon, France July 10, 1509
- At Age 12 Presented To The Catholic Church At Noyon For Education
- He Began Early Preaching Reformation
- Organized Systematic Protestantism
- Through Him Geneva Became The "Rome" Of Protestantism
- "Calvinism" Is Used To Designate His System Of Theology
- "Presbyterian" A Term To Designate The System Of Government He Adopted For Church In Switzerland
- Established A College In Geneva, With Theodore Beza As Head – 1536
  - Its Success Drew Students From All Over Europe, Inc. John Knox, And Other English & Scottish Theologians

- The Bible Is The Infallible Guide For The Church, But Must Be Interpreted By The Elect
- Gave 10 Commandments An Import Place In Theology
- Purpose Of Life Found In Glorifying God, Not Self Pleasure
- Discipline, Excommunication To Those Not Conforming
- Lord's Supper Four Times Per Year For Elect
- Tulip Doctrine Augustinian Theology
  - Total Hereditary Depravity (Sin Of Adam Inherited By All)
  - Unconditional Election (God Chose You Irresistibly)
  - Limited Atonement (Jesus Died For A Limited Amount Of People)
  - Irresistible Grace (Given To Those Predestined, Irresistibly
  - Perseverance Of The Saints (Once Saved, Always Saved)
- Calvin Died 1564, Theodore Beza Then Led

# Teachings Of Calvin



# Council Of Trent (1545-1563)

- Greatest Catholic Church Council Since Council Of Nicea, 325 A.D.
- Declared The Traditions Of The Church To Be Equal With The Bible
- Reasserted The Divine Character Of The Papacy
- Condemned Lutheran Doctrine Of Justification Of Faith Only
- Clarified Doctrine & Demanded Moral Purity
   On The Part Of Priests & Bishops

# The Rise Of The Anabaptists

- 1500s Radical reformers who differed widely among themselves, were generally known as Anabaptists
   This suggests the idea of one baptism on top of another
   Was applied to these because they rejected the validity of infant baptism, saying that for baptism to be valid, the person must voluntarily submit to it as a believer
- They were persecuted by both Catholics and the followers of Luther and Zwingli
- They were very close to the New Testament pattern
   Believed the church was composed of believers only
  - Rejected infant baptism
  - •Church membership was based on faith and conscious submission to baptism
- There were many leaders of this movement who became corrupt (1) One had seventeen wives (2) Polygamy was approved
- The Catholics and Protestants united to stamp out the movement, and almost succeeded (1) One man was left (2) He studied the scripture and saved the movement from destruction (The Eternal Kingdom; Mattox, P. 262-265)

# The Roman Counter-Revolution

- Called the counter-Reformation, during which time the old church underwent a spiritual revival and administrative renovation
  - It failed to destroy the Protestant Reformation
  - It was some time before it was generally realized how powerful a new religious inspiration had come into the world (<u>The Reformation Crisis</u>, Hurstfield, P.50)
- The main characteristic of revised Catholicism was its effort to regain by force the territory lost to the Protestants
- The history of this armed struggle which lasted nearly one hundred and fifty years falls into three periods
  - The attack on the Calvinistic regions of Western Europe (1542-98)
  - The attack on the Lutheran regions of Central Europe (1618-48)
  - The struggle which led to English world supre-macy (<u>The</u> <u>Focal Points of Christian History</u>, Dametz, p.121)



King Henry VIII 1491-1547





- Married Catherine Of Aragon 1509
  - Youngest Daughter Of Ferdinand II & Isabella Of Spain
  - Aunt Of Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V
  - Had One Daughter, Mary
  - Divorced 1533
  - Broke With Roman Church
- Married Anne Boleyn 1533
  Had One Daughter, Elizabeth
  - •Executed 1536
  - •Known As Anne Of The 1000 Days
  - •Was Our Deer Hunting While Anne's Head Was Being Chopped Off In Tower Of London





•Married Jane Seymour 1536

Had One Child, Edward VI, A Sickly Child
When Henry Died, 1547, Son Edward VI Only Served Five Years Before Dying.



Queen Mary 1516-1558

- With Mary's Ascension To The Throne A Stir Among Church Leadership Took Place
  - English Church Law Made King Head Of The Church
  - With Mary On Throne, Archbishop Of Canterbury Became Head Of Church
  - Therefore, Whatever Male Comes To Throne In England Is Also Head Of The Church
- Mary, A Devout Catholic, Started A Restoration Movement Of Her Own
  - Done In Revenge Against The Divorce Of Her Mother
  - When Henry Booted Out All Catholic Priests, Confiscated All Churches & Land (About 25% Of All English Land, It Angered Catholics & Hence Mary
  - Mary Caused Heads To Roll, Literally
  - She Was Known As "Bloody Mary"
- She Ruled From 1553 To Her Death In 1558



Queen Elizabeth I 1533-1603

- With The Death Of Mary, Half Sister, Elizabeth I Came To Throne – 1558
- Displayed Good Sense In Her Reign
- Saw The Many In England Rebelled Against Both Catholicism And Anglicanism
- She Gave Religious Freedom To The People, Seeds Of Restoration
- She Allowed People To Study Their Bibles, Worship According To Their Own Preference.
- Died In 1603



King James I Of England & VI Of Scotland 1566-1625

- Came To Throne After Death Of Elizabeth, Having Already Served 36 Years As King Of Scotland
- Strong Protestant Urging Free Thinking Spirit Among Religious People
- Desired To Merge Scottish & Anglican Church Under One Confession Of Faith
- 1611 First Official English Translation Produced
- 1620 December 21, He Established 1<sup>st</sup> English Colony In Americas At Plymouth Rock, Massechusetts

#### King James Bible

THE SECOND EPISTLE of Paul the apostle to the Theffalonians.

#### CHAP. I.

Saint Paul certifieth them of the good opinion which he had of their faith, love, and patience: II And therewithall ufeth divers reafons for the comforting of them in perfecution, whereof the chiefeft is taken from the righteous judgement of God.



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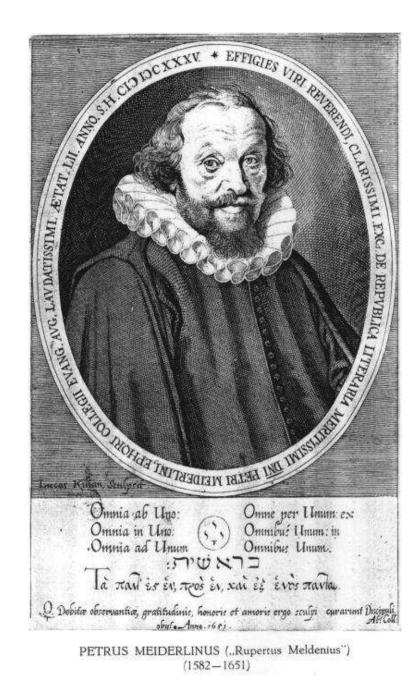
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Peter Meiderlin (Rupertus Meldenius) (1582-1681)

> "In Essentials, Unity; in Non-essentials, Liberty; in All Things, Charity" —1626



# **Other Reform Movements**

- 1550's Anabaptists (Lit. One Baptism On Top Of Another) – Held To N.T. Pattern - Very Close Resemblance To 1<sup>st</sup> Century Christianity
- 1550's John Knox Development Of Presbyterianism In Scotland
- 1572 Thomas Cartwright, Led A Puritan Movement In England, But Was Really The Presbyterian Church In England
- 1607 John Smyth Founded Baptist Church (Note, The First Baptist Church In England Was In 1611)

# Methodist Episcopal Church



John Wesley 1703-1791



Charles Wesley 1707-1788

- In 1727 John Wesley Began A Movement In The Anglican Church That Was Fully Established December 25, 1784 As The Methodist Episcopal Church
- He Was An Ordained Priest In Episcopal (Anglican) Church
- Lived And Died An Anglican
- John, And His Brother Charles, With Whitefield And About A Dozen other Students At Oxford, Formed A Society For The Purpose Of Overcoming The Formalism And Ritualism Of The Episcopal Church To Stimulate Spirituality
- Other Societies Were Organized And Because Of Their Methodical Manner Of Life They Were Called Methodists
- Upon The Death Of Wesley, These Societies Banded Together Under A Conference And Became Known As The Methodist Episcopal Church

# **Other Efforts**

 Dates And Originators Of Denominations At This Time
 Dutch Reform – 1567 – Duke Of Alva Began A Persecution, Many Dutchmen Were Driven To England Where They Were Allowed To Worship As They Pleased, Began Dutch Reform Church

•Puritanism – 1570 – Thomas Cartwright – Believed Archbishops And Archdeacons Should Be Abolished; Church Officers Should Be Modeled After N.T. Order; Autonomous Churches; Ministers Responsible For One Church Only; No Man Should Solicit Church Appointment; Church Officers Should Be Chosen By Members, Not State

•Quakers – 1650 – George Fox & James Nailer

 1669 – A Group Of Men Had Grown Tired Of All The Religious Division In The World – Tottlebank, Just North Of Liverpool, England, The Church Of Christ Was Established – Not Exactly The N.T. Church, More Like A Baptist Church

•Taught Local Church Autonomy

•With Elders To Shepherd Flock

•In 1824 A Group Pulled Away Becoming The Kirkby Church of Christ, After The N.T. Order, Still Meets Today – For 30 Years They Met Not Having Ever Heard Of Alexander Campbell Or Barton W. Stone

# The Idea Of Restoration

- 1807 When Thomas Campbell Comes To America There Are At Least Five Divisions Within Presbyterianism Alone.
- By 1800s It Was Recognized Widely That Reformation Was Impossible
- It Is Back To The Bible
- Speak Where The Bible Speaks & Remain Silent Where The Bible Is Silent