

Faith 101: What Makes Us Lutheran?

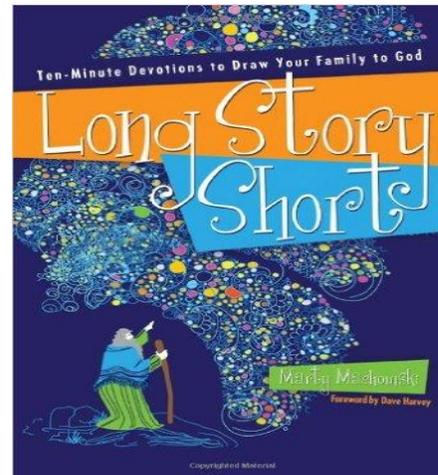
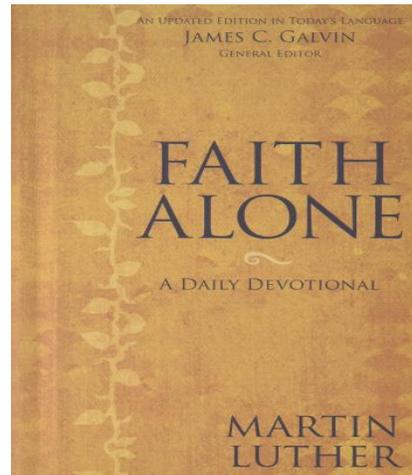
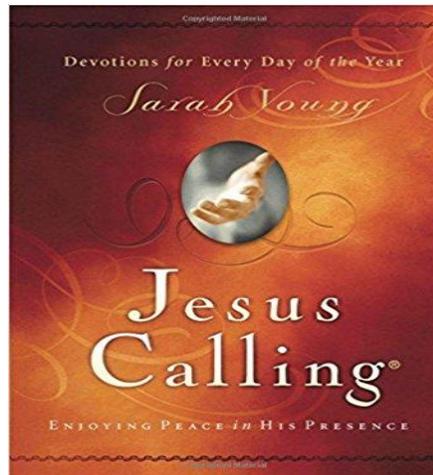
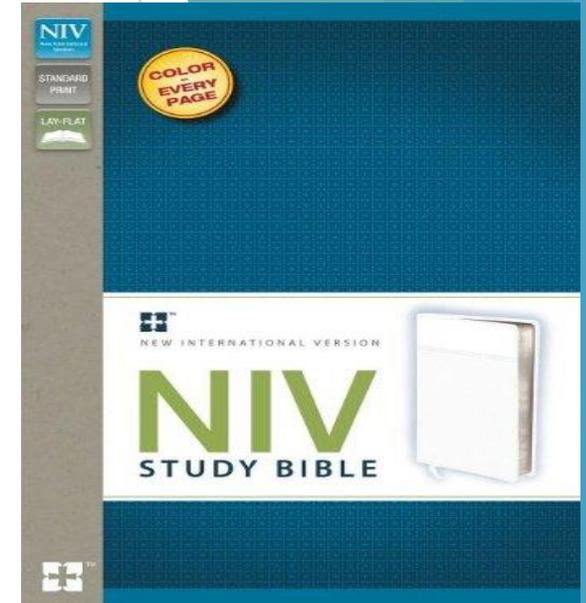
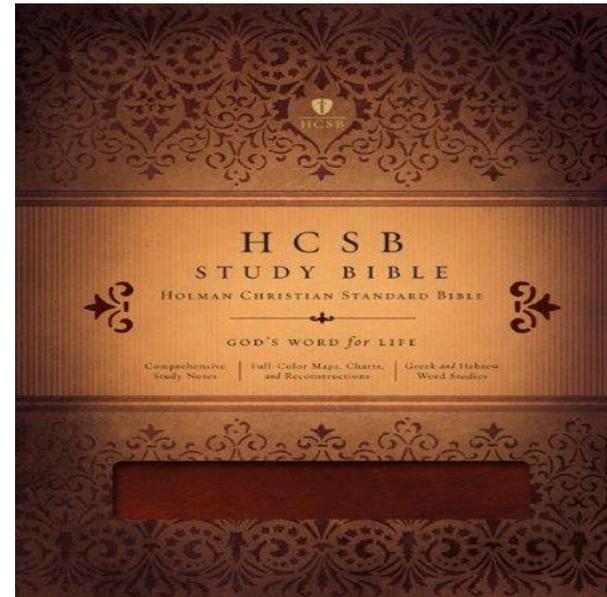
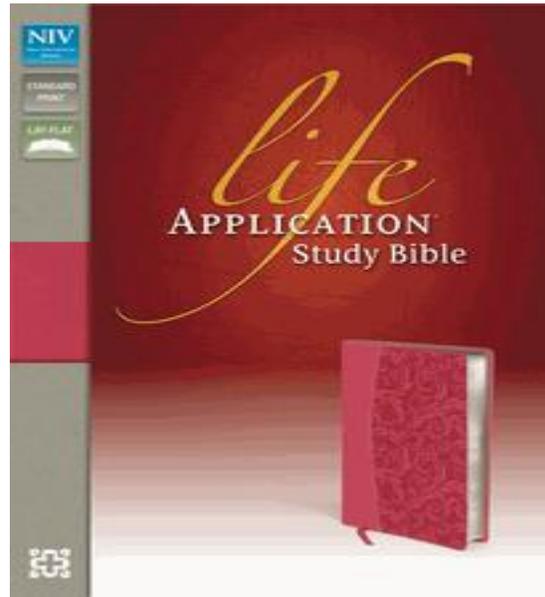
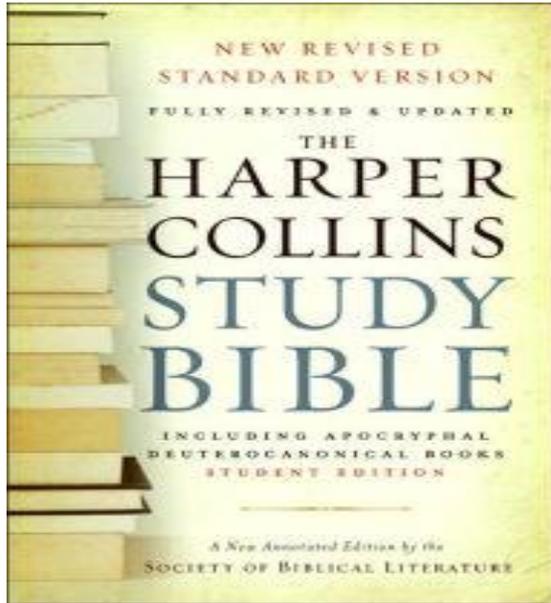
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Game Plan: Sept 16th - Oct 21st

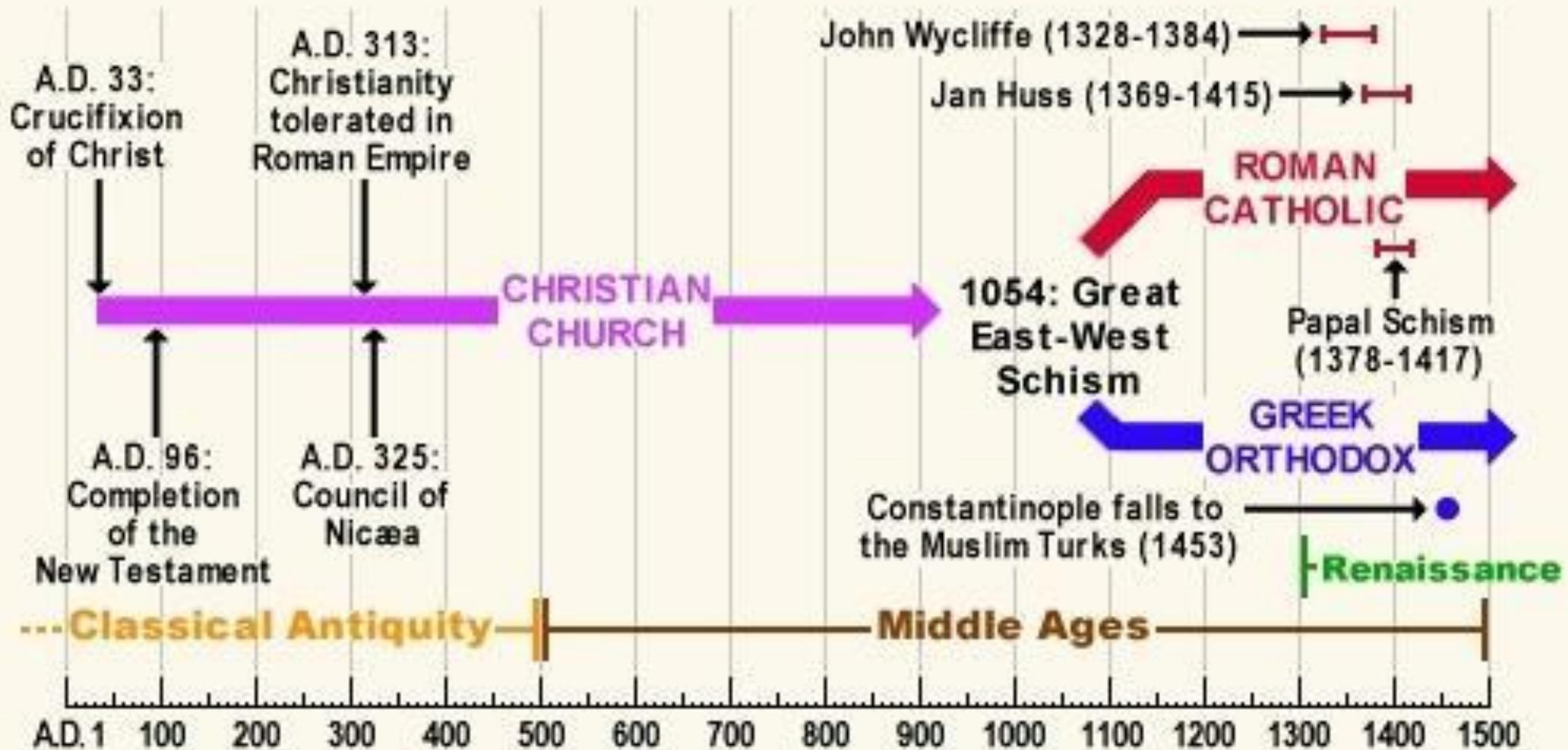
- 1) What is a Christian?
- 2) Who is this Jesus guy anyway?
- 3) What is the Bible?
- 4) **What makes us Lutheran?**
- 5) **Worship - why we do what we do**
- 6) **Christian community**

Study Bibles and Devotionals



And many, many more...

Church History to the Year 1500



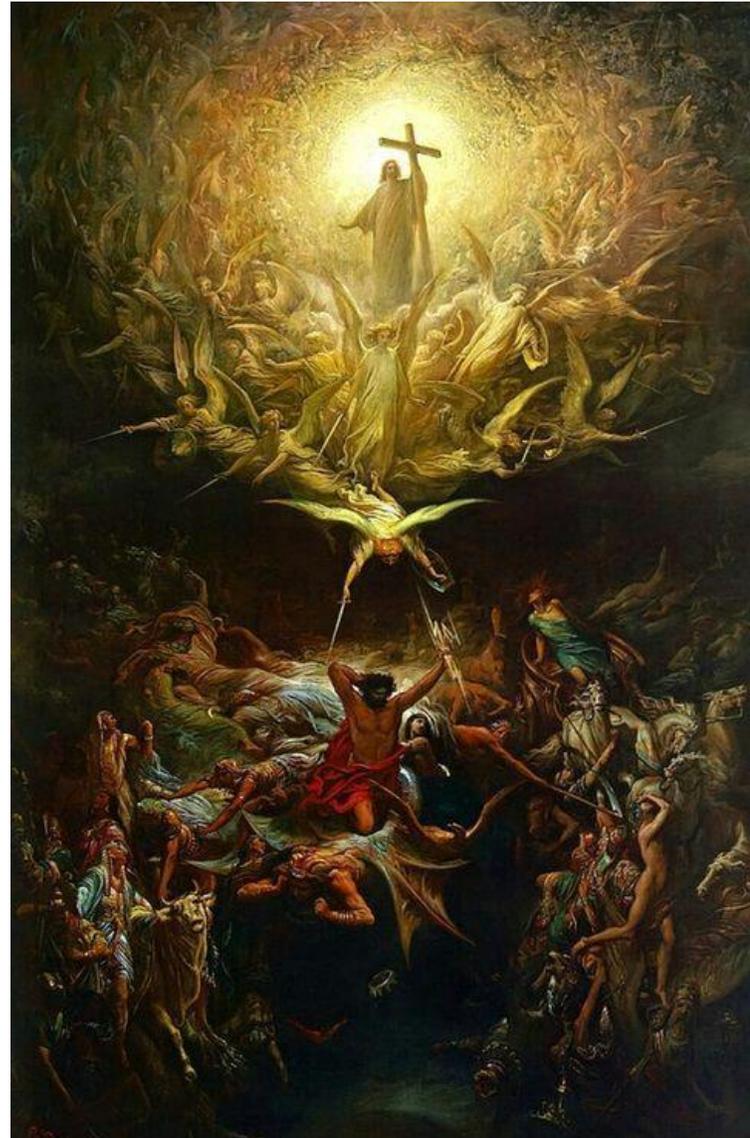
Martin Luther's Early Life

- ▶ Born November 10, 1483 in Saxony to Hans and Margarete Luther
- ▶ Studied to be a lawyer
- ▶ July 1505: Thunderstorm that changed everything
- ▶ Became monk - plagued by guilt and discouraged by corruption
- ▶ Taught at University of Wittenberg



Salvation in 1500 AD

- ▶ Combination of grace, faith, and works
- ▶ Faith = conscious decision to accept God's grace
- ▶ Partly needed works to achieve salvation
- ▶ Indulgences = documents issued by church officials forgiving sins
- ▶ Purgatory



St. Peter's and Indulgences

- ▶ St. Peter's Basilica rebuilt
- ▶ Sold indulgences to raise money
- ▶ Johann Tetzel: indulgences for future sins

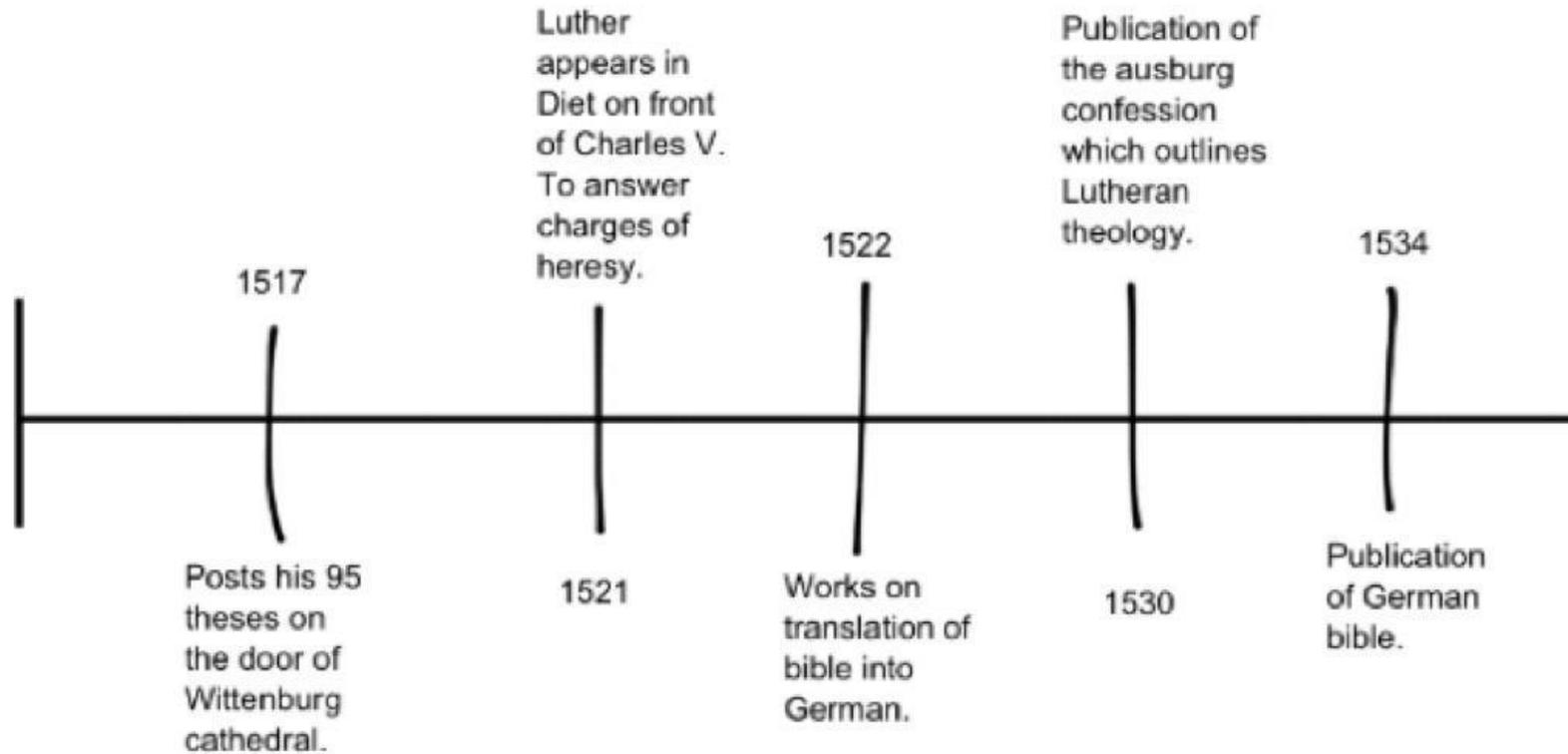


Nailing of 95 Theses

- ▶ Common practice as topics for debate
- ▶ Might not have even been Luther
- ▶ Most of them deal directly or indirectly with sale of indulgences
- ▶ Never meant to start a new religion - seeking reform from the inside



TIMELINE OF MARTIN LUTHER



Printing Press invented in 1452
Martin Luther dies in 1546

Augsburg Confession and Apology

- ▶ 28 articles total
- ▶ Article IV: Concerning Justification: “We cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ’s sake through faith.”
- ▶ Works cannot and do not precede justification/grace, they only follow it

Justification in the Bible

- ▶ Romans 1:17 - For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”
- ▶ Romans 3:28 - For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.
- ▶ Book of Galatians
- ▶ Ephesians 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

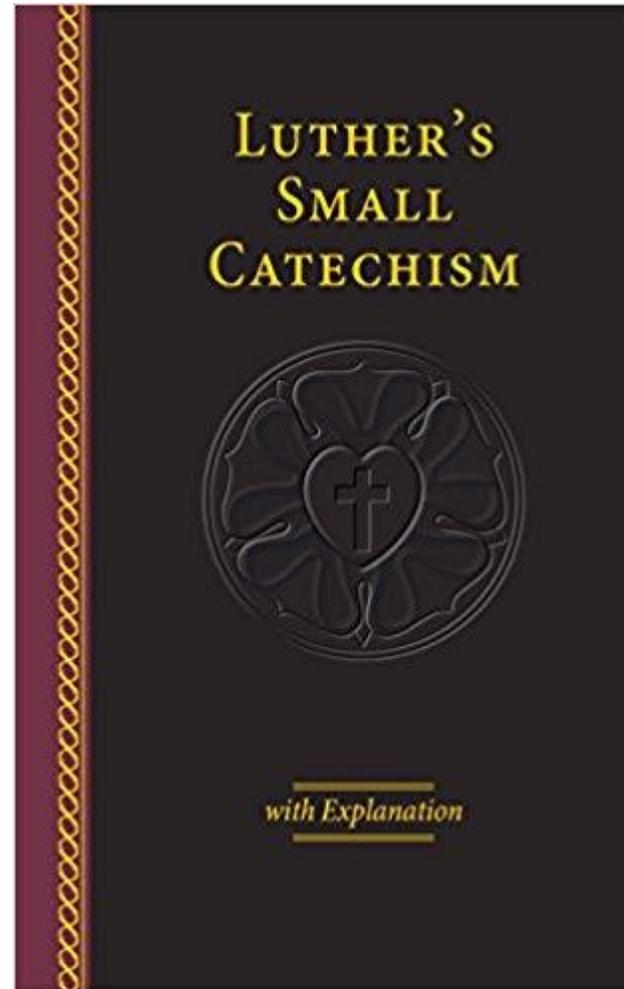
Christianity for the Masses

- ▶ German translation of Bible
- ▶ Slowly transitioned to using German in services
- ▶ Communion in both kinds
- ▶ Catechisms



Small Catechism

- ▶ Contents:
 - ▶ Ten Commandments
 - ▶ Creed
 - ▶ Lord's Prayer
 - ▶ Baptism
 - ▶ Communion
 - ▶ Blessings at home
 - ▶ Select verses
 - ▶ Words on Marriage and Baptism
- ▶ Basic instructions for Christian life, addressed first to (ill-equipped) pastors



Hallmarks of Lutheranism

- ▶ Justification: not on our merit, but by Christ's merit alone
- ▶ Faith does and should lead to works, but works are not necessary for salvation
 - ▶ Works without grace are tainted and worthless
- ▶ Law and Gospel/Promise
 - ▶ Law will only ever condemn, does not lead to grace/faith
 - ▶ In God's promise, the law is fulfilled

Lutherans: Lasting Effects

- ▶ Spread: Germany and Scandinavia
- ▶ Immigrants here - 1880s
- ▶ Lutherans in WWII, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- ▶ Lutherans Worldwide

