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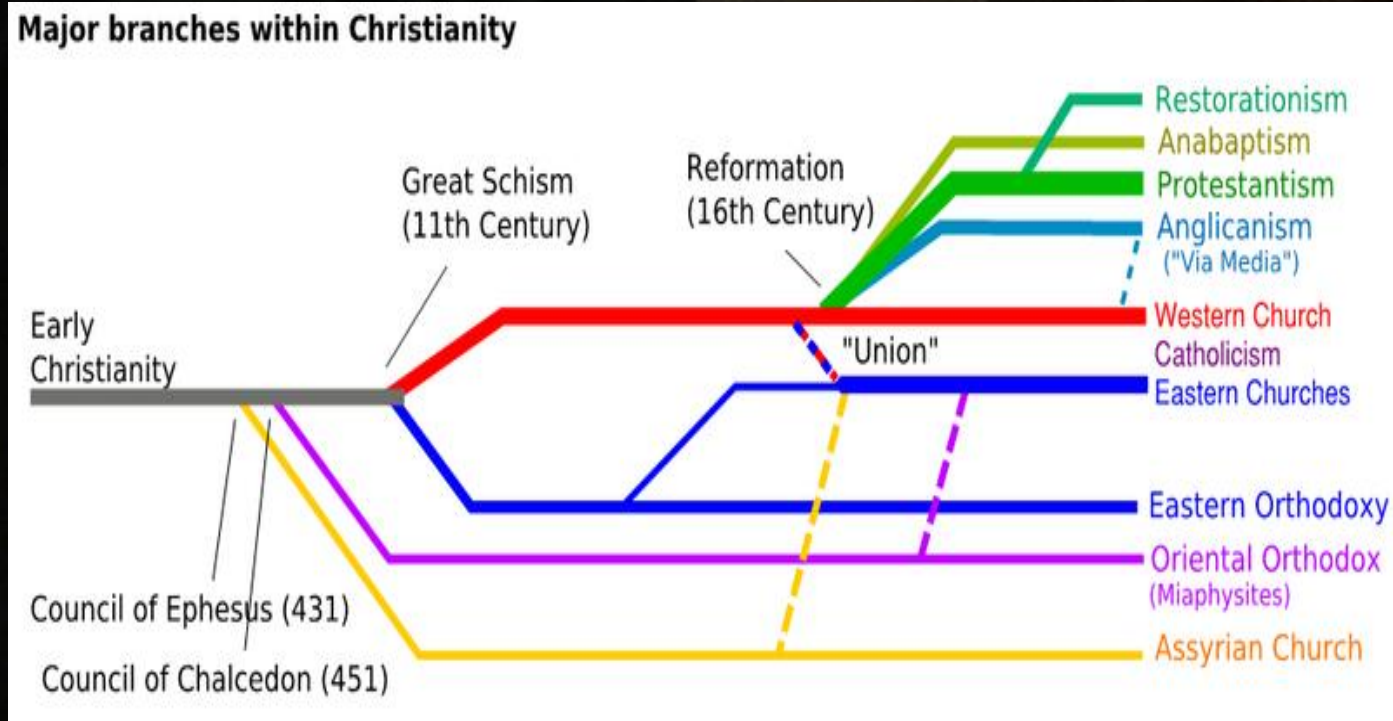
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1 Christianity united in One Church

The disciples and followers of Jesus were the first Christians. Before long, the Roman Empire under Constantine embraced Christianity, and the Christian Church was centered in Rome and united under the 'Universal Church' or *Catholic Church*. In 1054, the Church split and the Eastern Orthodox Church was established. And in the 1500s, another major split would occur.

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2 Purgatory, Relics and Indulgences

An afterlife belief where a soul would pay for sins and be purified before entering heaven existed in the Catholic Church since the 1100s. The biggest objections to the belief in purgatory was the simple fact that it was not mentioned in the Bible. It also seemed to change the gospel as it is presented in the Bible, suggesting that people pay for their sins instead of Jesus paying for all sins.

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2 Purgatory, Relics and Indulgences

Some churches claimed to have relics like the bones of disciples. Other churches boasted nails or wood from the actual cross that Jesus died on. One of the most famous relics is known as the *Shroud of Turin*, believed to be the linen cloth that wrapped the face of Jesus after his crucifixion. Again, there was little scriptural (Biblical) support to suggest that there was any special spiritual significance to these relics. But the Catholic church capitalized on the public fascination with relics.

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In order to generate revenue, Catholic representatives sold certificates called *indulgences* to Europeans. These notes promised escape from purgatory, tickets to heaven, forgiveness of sins, or getting dead relatives into heaven. Again, there was no scriptural support for such practices.

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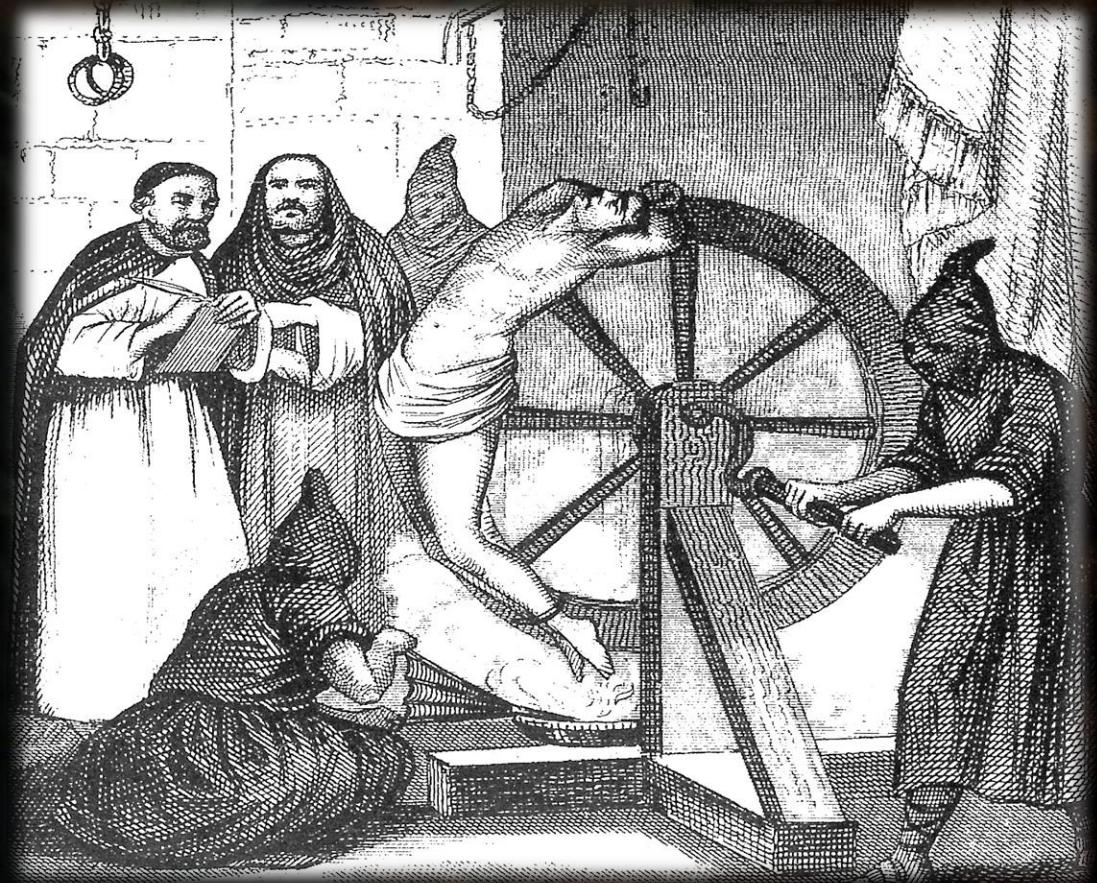


In Vollmacht  aller Heiligen
 und in Erbarmung gegen Dich, absolviere
 Ich Dich von allen Sünden und Missethat-
 ten und erlasse Dir alle Strafen auf zehn
 Tage.
 Johannes Sietzol.

3 Tortures in the Spanish Inquisition

King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were not only the Spanish monarchs who funded Columbus voyage across the Atlantic, but they were known for implementing the torturous investigations of non-Catholics in Spain called the inquisition.

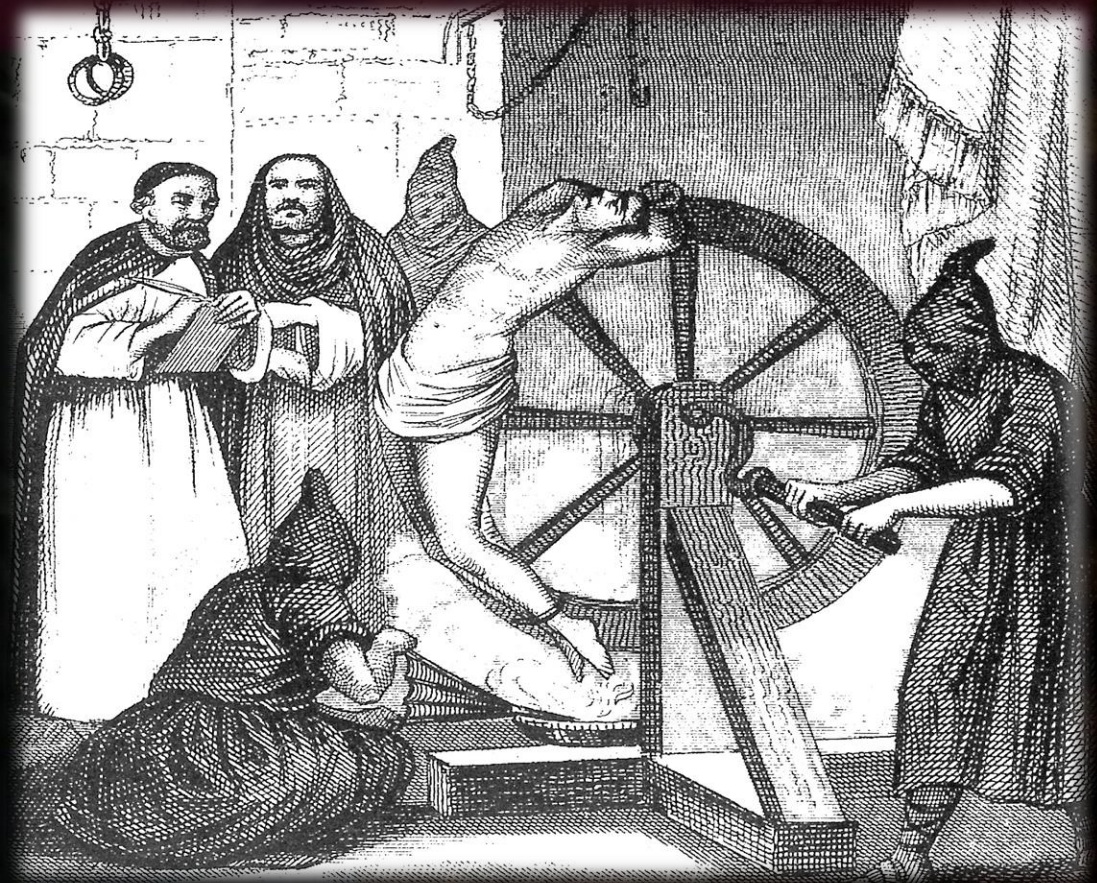
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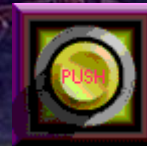
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