


Reformation Comic Strips

A painting of a man in a dark, heavy robe, likely a monk or a reformer, standing in a room. He is holding a large wooden hammer in his right hand and pointing his left hand towards a large, aged document or scroll pinned to the wall. The document has some text on it, but it is mostly illegible. The background is a textured, brownish wall with some architectural details like a wooden archway. The lighting is dramatic, coming from the side, casting shadows on the wall and the man's face.

Follow along to learn about new terms and create comic strips for steps in the story of the Protestant Reformation.

Vocabulary

- 1 **Indulgences** - payment to the church in exchange for forgiveness of sins.
- 2 **Relics** - an ancient artifact that people claimed belonged to a religious leader or saint.
- 3 **Purgatory** - a place or state of suffering for the souls of sinners who are paying for their sins before going to heaven.
- 4 **Inquisition** - The monarchy of Spain trying to force all people to belong to the Catholic church
- 5 **Martin Luther** – A Catholic Monk who wanted to reform the Catholic Church.
- 6 **Pope Leo X** – The Catholic Pope during the time of Martin Luther
- 7 **Protestant** – One who protests against something
- 8 **Reformation** – the idea of changing or reforming the religion.
- 9 **Denomination** – A separate part of something.



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- 1 Christianity united in One Church**
- 2 Purgatory, Relics and Indulgences**
- 3 Tortures in the Spanish Inquisition**
- 4 Martin Luther posts the 95 Theses**
- 5 The Diet of Worms, Edict of Worms**
- 6 New Denominations of Christianity**
- 7 Henry VIII Starts the Anglican Church**
- 8 Religious Tension grows across Europe**

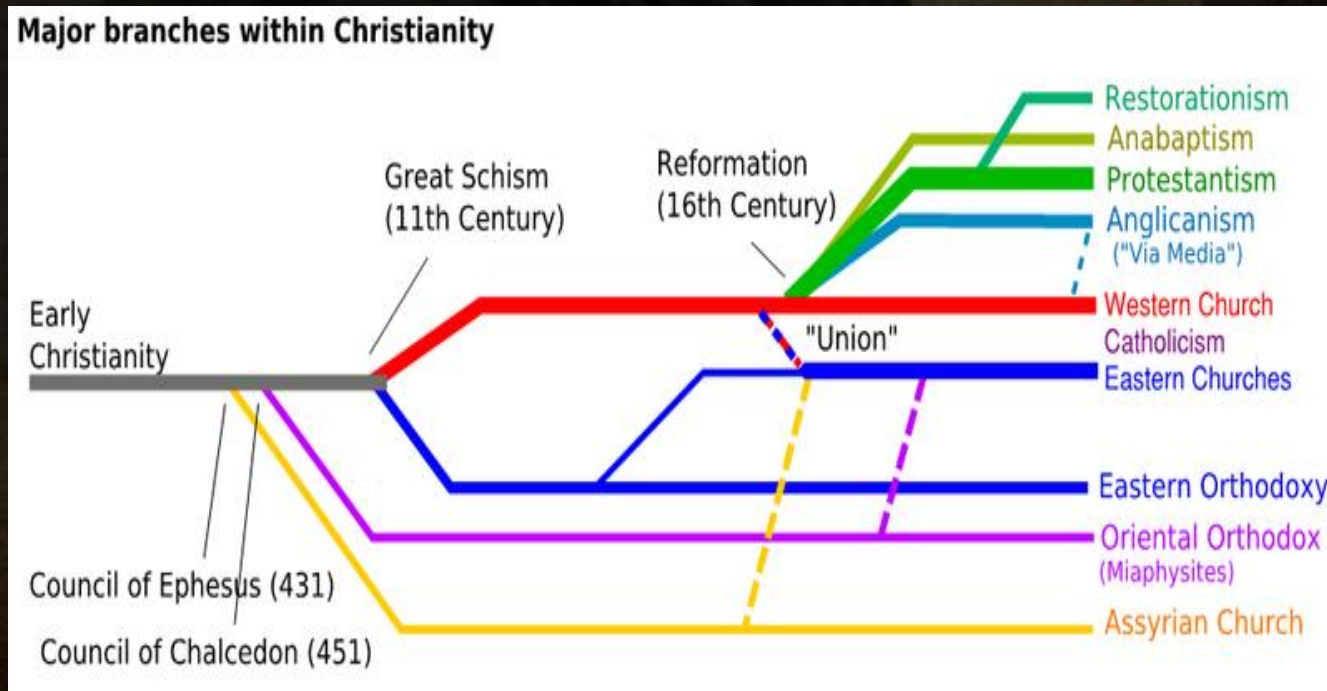


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1 Christianity united in One Church



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.



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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2 Purgatory, Relics and Indulgences

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.



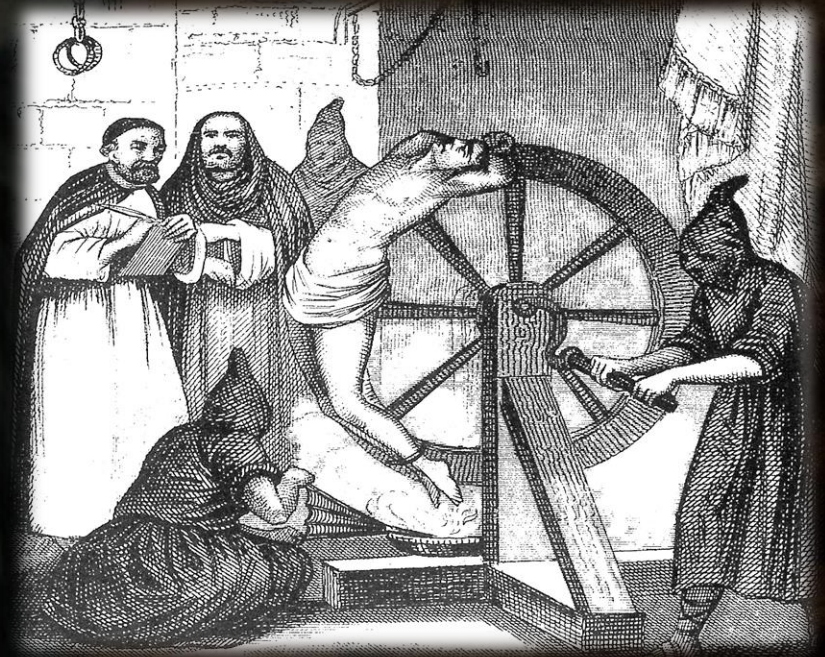
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3 Tortures in the Spanish Inquisition

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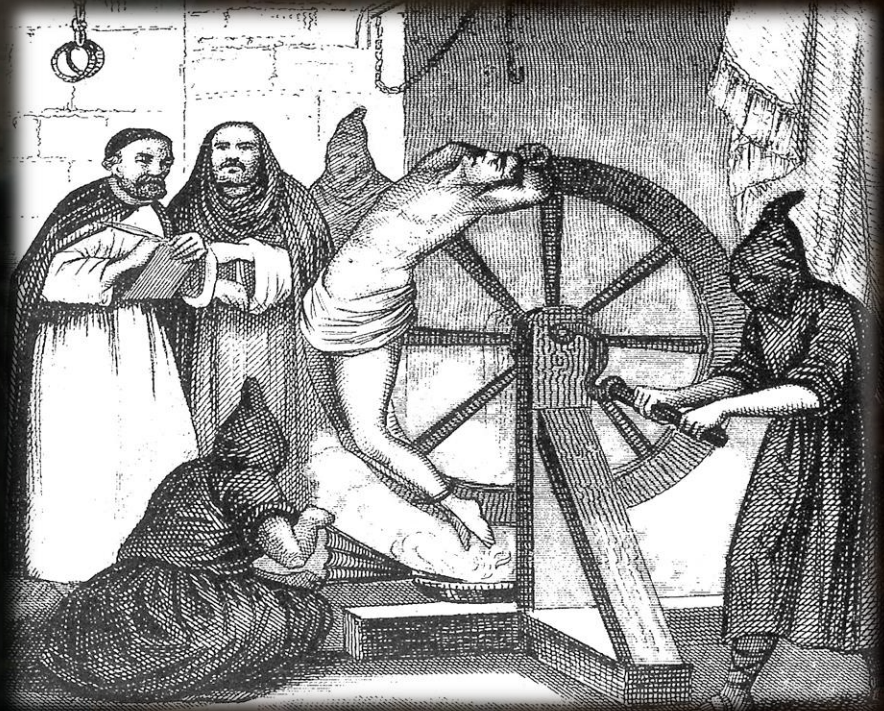
King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were not only the Spanish monarchs who funded Columbus voyage across the Atlantic, but they were known for implementing the torturous investigations of non-Catholics in Spain called the inquisition.



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3 Tortures in the Spanish Inquisition

The Inquisition, sometimes called the Spanish Inquisition since it largely occurred in Spain, refers to the ongoing investigations and torture of non-Catholics overseen by the Catholic Church. When an individual was found to be guilty of a crime against the church, they were often expelled from their country or killed. Spanish royalty Ferdinand and Isabella were famous for their role in the Inquisition.



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4 Martin Luther posts the 95 Theses

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One significant event of the Protestant Reformation was the moment that Luther nailed a copy of his iconic 95 Theses to the door of the local Catholic Church. The 95 Theses contained 95 issues or problems that Luther found in the Catholic Church (e.g. relics, purgatory, indulgences, and not focusing on Jesus).



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZTKKjxvBhE>

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5 The Diet of Worms, Edict of Worms

A meeting was held by Catholic leaders for several months in Worms, Germany to discuss the reformation. The Edict of Worms was written as a result, condemning the Reformation. They also ended up excommunicating Martin Luther, who defended himself at a trial the same year.



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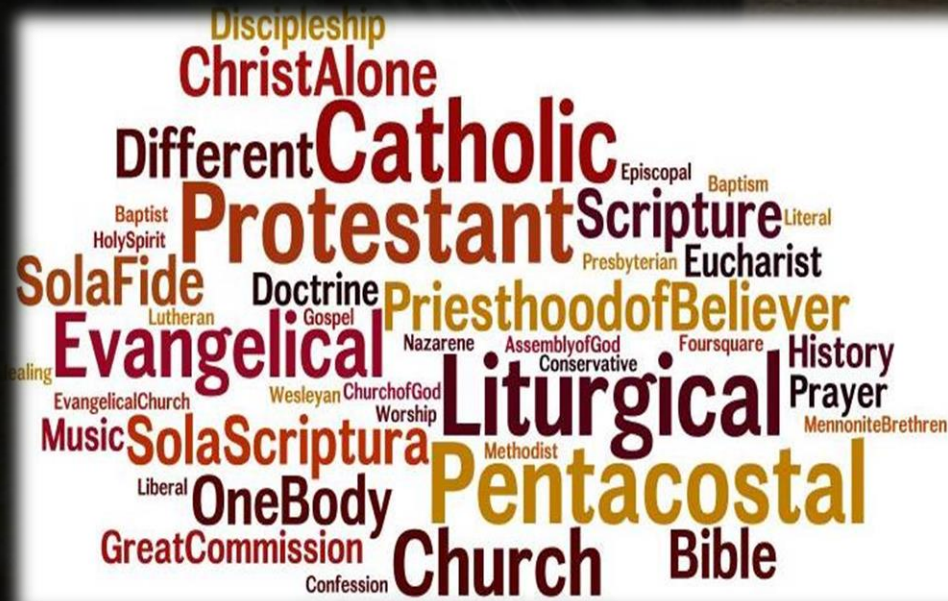


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6 New Denominations of Christianity

Not only was a Christian denomination named after Luther (the Lutheran Church), but countless other protestant denominations have been established as alternatives to Catholicism. These include: Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Seventh-Day Adventist, Calvinist and many others. The Catholic Church remains the single largest Christian denomination in the world today.



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7 Henry VIII Starts the Anglican Church



King Henry of England followed the lead of reformers by also splitting from the pope and the Catholic Church. Henry wanted a male heir to the throne. But since the pope didn't allow Henry to divorce his barren wife to marry another, he established his own church, the Anglican Church (Church of England), of which *he* was pope.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PAqoef2BGg>



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Henry VIII video

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8 Religious Tension grows across Europe

With the northern sections of Europe preferring Protestantism (Scandinavia, Germany, England, etc.) and the southern nations of Europe preferring Catholicism (Spain, France, Italy, etc.), the continent was divided in religious tension. This was seen clearly in the 1558 naval battle between Catholic Spain and Protestant England.



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