

Martin Luther



His ideas were:

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Faith saves people - not good works

-Catholic church = salvation by following church

Q: Who will not like this idea of Luther's? Why?

Ultimate authority for Christians = Bible

Q: Who will this anger? Who did Catholics think was the authority?


-Catholic Church says Pope is Ultimate Authority

Nobody is more important in God's eyes

Q: In Catholic hierarchy who was most important?

-laity is equal to clergy Q: Will the Church agree?

Important Luther Events

-1517 - Luther nails 95 Theses (ideas) on his church's door 

-Luther from Holy Roman Empire (Germany)

-Pope excommunicates Luther - kicks him out

-Church declares Luther a heretic

-Luther goes into hiding & writes New Testament in German

-Luther's ideas spread to princes in German city-states

-Luther's followers form 1st Protestant Christian group

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Why were Luther and his followers called Protestants?



Because they protested against the Catholic Church.

Why is it said that the Protestants started a Reformation?

Because they wanted the Catholic Church to reform - or change.