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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

20. Christian History 1500–1609: The Reformation Begins

A quick-reference chapter listing the key events, people, and terms of the early Protestant Reformation. It is a study aid, not a narrative.

Key takeaways

- Luther's 95 Theses (1517) protested the sale of indulgences and sparked the Reformation.
- The Reformation's core: justification by grace alone, through faith alone, with Scripture alone as the church's authority.
- Reformers split over communion: Luther held consubstantiation (Christ's body coexists with the elements), while Calvin and Zwingli differed.
- Key figures include Luther, Calvin, Tyndale (whose Bible shaped the KJV), and Beza (Calvin's successor).