

# Here I stood

Historical background and issues of  
the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Reformation

## **Ecclesiastes 1:9-11**

What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

Is there a thing of which it is said,  
“See, this is new”?

It has been already  
in the ages before us.

There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there  
be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.

## Terms

Heterodox

Heresy

Apostasy





# Reformation Europe

c. Calvin's death in 1564

- Lollards, Waldensians, or Anabaptists
- Hussite Bohemian Brethren
- Hutterite Moravian Brethren
- Lutheran, Evangelical
- Lutheran Influenced
- Reformed, Zwinglian, Calvinist
- Calvinist Influenced
- Anglican
- Roman Catholic
- Orthodox (Eastern, Russian)
- Ottoman Empire
- Muslim, Muslim Influenced
- Border of Holy Roman Empire (Petty German States)
- Political Boundaries
- Contested Political Territories

300 mi.  
500 km.

Atlantic Ocean



- 1370 - Wycliffe - England
- 1413 - Huss - Bohemia
- 1456 - Gutenberg Bible
- 1516 - Erasmus' Greek N
- 1517 - Luther - Germany
- 1519 - Zwingli - Switzerland
- 1526 - Tyndale - England
- 1527 - Schleithem Confe
- 1530 - Melancthon - Ger
- Augsburg Confess
- 1532 - Calvin - France
- 1533 - Hutter - Moravia
- 1533 - Cranmer - England
- 1534 - 39 Articles
- 1536 - Wittenberg Conco
- 1536 - Calvin's Institutes
- 1536 - Menno Simons - N
- 1541 - Calvin - Switzerland
- 1555 - Peace of Augsburg
- 1560 - Geneva Bible
- 1560 - Knox - Scotland
- 1561 - Belgic Confession
- 1562 - Heidelberg Catech
- 1564 - Puritans - England
- 1566 - 2nd Helvetic Confe
- 1580 - Book of Concord
- 1598 - Edict of Nantes
- 1611 - King James Bible
- 1618 - Synod of Dordt
- 1620 - Separatists - Engla
- 1642 - Cromwell - Englan
- 1647 - Westminster Conf

# Sects post Luther

## Anabaptists

### Balthasar Hubmeier

- Studied under Eck
- 1525 Easter Day re-baptised, 60 others.
- Infant baptism 'an abominable idolatry.'
- Eucharist is not truly Jesus body and blood

### Jacob Dachser

- 'Revelation of the True Anabaptists'
- 1527 Above work accepted as a 'confession', at Augsburg council of Anabaptists
- 1529 Hymn book, including Luther Hymns
- 'God draws us to Himself through the power which is in us'.

### Hans Hutt

- 1527 Attended Augsburg Council
- Followers developed 'socialistic' aspects

### John Denk

- Regarded as 'Pope', 'Archbaptist', 'Bishop'
- 1527 Leader of Augsburg Council
- '...Not the Scriptures, but the voice of God in the heart of man.'
- 'Whoever imagines to obtain grace through...Baptism or by the Breaking of Bread, is given to superstition.'

## Scwenkfelders

### Caspar Schwenkfeld

- 1522 Visited Carlstadt and Thomas Muenzer
- 1525 Visited Luther
- Sought to unite Luther and Zwingli
- Jesus no longer truly human and truly God, but by ascension His flesh became 'truly God'
- the Holy Spirit teaches everything to the elect inwardly and is not in need of Scripture to give faith to them and to save them."
- Spiritual Eucharist
- Baptism in the soul by the Holy Spirit and Fire
- Infant baptism detrimental to 'real' baptism
- baptizing of the heavenly High Priest Jesus Christ, which occurs in the believing soul by the Holy Ghost and by fire.

## New Arians

- Arius of Alexandria
- 324 council of Nicea opposed
- Hierarchical model of the Godhead
- God the Father eternal
- Jesus created by and under the Father
- The Holy Spirit created by the Father under the Father and the Son.

## Antitrinitarians

- 1527 **Campanus** denounced by Zwingli and Luther after Marburg Colloquy
- 1555-64 **Campanus** Priest in Zurich
- Christ not God
- 1553 **Servetus** rejects original sin, infant baptism, and the trinity (describing the trinity as 'satanic doctrine')
- Servetus** opposed by Calvin, Zwingli, Rome and Melanchthon



## **Augsburg Confession cannot be Anabaptist:**

- Justification (Ep XII:5, Ep III:4, AC/AP IV)
- Original Sin (Ep XII:6, Ep I:8, AC/AP II)
- AC Rejected (Ep XII:11)
- Righteousness by works (Ep XII:5, Ep II:12, AC VI )

## **Augsburg Confession cannot follow Schwenckfeld:**

- Two natures of Christ (Ep XII:21, Ep VIII:6, AC/AP III)
- Anti Sacramental (Ep XII:23,24, Ep VII:29, AC/AP X)
- The Word is not efficacious (Ep XII:22, Ep II:13, AC V:4/AP V )

## **Augsburg Confession Cannot be Arian:**

- God the Father Son and Holy Spirit in hierarchy. (AC/AP I)

## **Augsburg Confession Cannot be Antitrinitarian:**

- 3 Separate Gods all equal (Ep XII:29 AC/AP I )