## **The Reformation**

### John Calvin (1509-1564)

- French Lawyer/Priest
- Exiled from France
  - $\circ \quad \text{Settled in Geneva}$
  - Influenced by Luther
- Institutes of the Christian Religion
  - o Famous book
  - Appealed to reason/logic
  - Most comprehensive explanation of Protestant beliefs
- Thought world was in moral crisis
- Worried about "good works"
  - Wanted to make sure that he got into heaven
- Simplicity
- Rejected iconoclasm
  - Worship of icons and statues of saints
- Beliefs
  - o Similar to Luther
    - Recognized same abuses of church
    - Opposed to celibacy of clergy
    - No monastic orders
    - Priests not necessary
    - Admired simple piety
  - Bible = only source of Christian doctrine
    - Personal relationship with God
  - o Rejected transubstantiation
    - Communion=symbolic
  - Rejected Bishops
  - Salvation by election
    - Those who will be saved are picked by God at birth (Predestination)
  - Theocratic
    - Church should be in charge of state
  - Universal, expansionist appeal
    - Not just Germany like Luther
  - Puritanical approach to life
    - Puritans who came to new world were Calvinists
- Calvin's Tulip
  - T: Total Depravity
    - Man is full of sin and incapable of saving himself
  - **U**: Unconditional election
    - God chooses the elect unconditionally, not chosen of basis of merit, Predestination
  - L: Limited Atonement
    - Only the elect share in Christ's sacrifice
  - I: Irresistible Grace
    - When God chooses to save someone, he will
  - **P**: Preservation of the Saints
    - The elect cannot lose their elect status

### Spread of Calvinism

- Switzerland
  - o Basel, Geneva, Zurich, Bern



- Scotland
  - John Know/Presbyterians
- France
  - Huguenots
- England
  - o Puritans
    - Fled
- Holland
  - Puritans
    - Forced to flee again
- New World
  - Puritans
    - Came for religious freedom
- Spread much further than Lutheranism

## Weber Thesis

- Max Weber
  - o German Sociologist
  - o Calvinism led to development of Capitalism
    - Encouraged to work hard and save money
    - Encouraged reinvesting money
    - Protestant work ethic

## **Calvinism and Democracy**

- Never venerated the state
- Self-governing
- Formed covenants
  - Mayflower Compact
  - o Made Constitution
- Protect minorities
- Emphasized honest work
- Root of development of democracy

## **Other Reformers**

- Zwingli
  - o Iconoclast
    - No Icons
  - o Similar to Calvin
  - o Believed that the Eucharist was a symbol
  - Literal interpretation of Bible
  - o Died in Battle
- Anabaptists
  - Very radical group
  - o Refused to fit in to society
  - o "Utopians"
  - No Taxes, No Army
- Munster Anabaptists
  - Very extremist group
  - o Took over Münster
  - Set up a theocracy
  - "New Jerusalem"

- Burned all books except the Bible
- o Killed anyone who was not an Anabaptist
- Abolished private property
  - Established barter system
- Practiced Polygamy
- Mennonites
  - o Dutch Anabaptists
  - Pacifists
  - o Fled to New World
  - Anti-Trinitarian view of God
    - One not Three
  - Roots of Unitarian Church

## The English Reformation

### Background

- History of Independence from Rome
  - Paved way for reformation
- Edward I
  - o **1272-1307**
  - Taxed clergy despite Pope Boniface VIII
- Statutes of Provisors and Praemunire
  - $\circ$  Mid 14<sup>th</sup> c.
  - o Laws passed by Parliament
    - Curtailed payments of annates
- Wycliff and the Lollards
- William Tyndale
  - o **1492-1536** 
    - o Translated Bible into English

### Henry VIII

- r. 1509-1547
- Responsible for English Reformation
  - More political than religious
- Critical of Luther
  - Wrote In Defense of the Seven Sacraments
    Granted title Fidei Defensor by Pope
  - Catherine of Aragon married to Henry
    - Family
      - Spanish
      - Daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella
      - Aunt of Emperor Charles V
      - First marriage to Henry's brother Arthur
        - Marriage for political alliance
    - Special Dispensation from Pope to marry Henry
      - No male Heir
      - Mary is only living offspring
  - Henry asks for annulment
    - o **1527**
    - o Desire for male heir is serious concern



- Enamored of Anne Boleyn (Among others)
- o Annulment denied
  - Rome sacked by Germans in same year
    - Pope is taken Prisoner of Charles V
    - Been married for 18 years
      - Papal dispensation treated as word of God
- o Solution

- Act of Supremacy
  - Makes King of England the head of the Church
    Canon Law under Civil Law
  - Dissolved monasteries and confiscated church property
    - Given to nobles in return for support
  - Church of England is formed as Anglican Church
    - Doctrine similar to Catholicism
      - Became more protestant under other Tudor monarchs

- Other Marriages
  - Anne Boleyn
    - Pushes Henry to dissolve connection with Rome
    - Bears Henry Daughter Elizabeth
    - Fails to produce male heir
    - Accused of treason
      - Beheaded
  - Jane Seymour
    - Gives birth to Edward
    - Dies in childbirth
  - Anne of Cleves
    - German
      - Political alliance
    - Annulled
  - Catherine Howard
    - Beheaded for Adultery
  - Catherine Parr
    - Outlives Henry
    - Uses position to further reformation

### **Other Tudor Monarchs**

- Edward VI
  - o **r. 1547-1553**
  - $\circ$   $\,$  crowned at age 9  $\,$
- Mary
  - o r. 1553-1558
  - Bloody Mary
    - Less than 300 executed
  - Married Philip II of Spain
- Elizabeth
  - o r. 1558-1603
  - Kept religious beliefs to herself
    - Did not "pry into men's souls"
      - Demanded only loyalty
        - Political unity more important than religion
          - o Politique
  - Long successful reign
  - Never married

- Virgin Queen
- Used men for political purposes
- Last Tudor Monarch

# Church of England

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- Similar to Catholic
  - $\circ$  Transubstantiation
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Church hierarchy and organization  $\;$ 
    - Bishops, archbishops, etc...
    - Parishes
  - o Lavish
  - o Similar rites
  - $\circ \quad \text{Clerical celibacy} \\$
  - Similar to Protestants
    - Rejected authority of Pope
      - Monarch is the head of Church
        - Act of Supremacy
    - Salvation by faith alone
    - o 3 sacraments
    - Rejected concept of purgatory
    - Reject cult of saints
    - Reject monastic orders
      - Monasteries dissolved
    - Services in English not Latin