

## The reformation: The fruit of Erasmus' work.

- Bibles immediately & widely translated.
- The Reformation starts.
- Bibles in the hand of the common man.

# Within 10 years the **Reformation** was in full swing

These men sought to reform a corrupt church system in the Roman Catholic Church by ***bringing the Scripture to the people in their own language.***

Using Erasmus' TR:

Martin Luther (1517)  
Ulrich Zwingli (1523)  
Martin Bucer  
Hugh Latimer  
Philip Melancthon  
William Tyndale  
Heinrich Bullinger  
John Rogers  
John Knox



# The Five Central Teachings of the Protestant Reformation

1. Sola Scriptura – **“The Bible alone.”** Scripture alone speaks authoritatively, and it speaks to all believers, independently of church leaders and councils, human interpreters and so-called spokesmen for God.

2. Sola Gratia – **“Grace alone.”** It is only by the unmerited favor of God that Christ went to the cross and paid the price for man’s salvation. Man is by nature depraved—he has no virtue that commends him to God. Therefore God’s grace to him is truly undeserved and amazing, and God’s grace alone has the power to draw people to himself.

3. Sola Fide – **“Faith alone.”** Only total righteousness is acceptable to God, and that is found in Christ, not us. Man can only accept Christ’s work by placing his trust in him. Man is justified by faith alone in the finished work of Christ, not by any works of his own.

4. Sola Christus – **“Christ alone.”** Salvation is accomplished by Christ alone, and mediated by Christ alone—not by angels, saints, relics, sacraments, priests, teachers, churches, or anyone or anything else. Christ alone is the perfect Savior, and he alone is the perfect prophet, priest and king.

5. Soli Deo Gloria – **“To God alone the glory.”** God should be thanked, praised and given full credit for his grace and spiritual and physical provision.

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