

The Reformation (CH206)

Australian College of Theology name: *The Reformation*

Unit Description

Is there much difference between the Protestant church and the Roman Catholic church? Learn how Martin Luther and other reformers changed the face of the church by re-discovering the concept of grace and challenging the authority of the Pope. Examine the consolidation of Catholic Christianity, internal controversies, causes of the Reformation, Reformation in Europe, the English and Scottish Reformations, and the Counter-Reformation.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

1. The major phases and developments of the Reformation identified in the unit content
2. The life and thought of selected key figures in the Reformation

B. *Be able to:*

1. Describe the impact of the social, political, religious and cultural context on Christian beliefs, practices and movements
2. Use primary and secondary sources
3. Present an evidence-based perspective or narrative

C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Apply perspectives from the Reformation to their theological studies and in ministry contexts

Content

1. The consolidation of Catholic Christianity
2. The growth and decline of the Papal ecclesiastical state
3. Internal controversies, including the Great Schism
4. The challenge of Islam, including the Crusades
5. The religious and intellectual revivals
6. The causes of the Reformation including the conciliar movement and the pre-Reformation reformers
7. Martin Luther
8. The South German cities and Zurich: Huldreich Zwingli
9. The Radical Reformation

10. John Calvin
11. The English Reformation until Henry VIII
12. The English Reformation from Edward VI, including the Elizabethan Settlement
13. The Reformation in Scotland
14. The Counter-Reformation and the Council of Trent