

The Reformation (CH015-508)

Australian College of Theology name: *Introduction to 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.

Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code CH206.

Unit exclusions: CH040-512 (formerly CH240), CH003-506, CH005-512

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. **Know and understand:**

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of the Reformation

B. **Be able to:**

1. Describe major developments and people of the Reformation
2. Draw on selected primary and secondary sources to formulate viewpoints on the Reformation
3. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on the Reformation

C. **Be in a position to:**

Relate perspectives from this unit to inform 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