

# UNDERSTANDING THE REFORMATION

Part Four:  
Martin Luther!

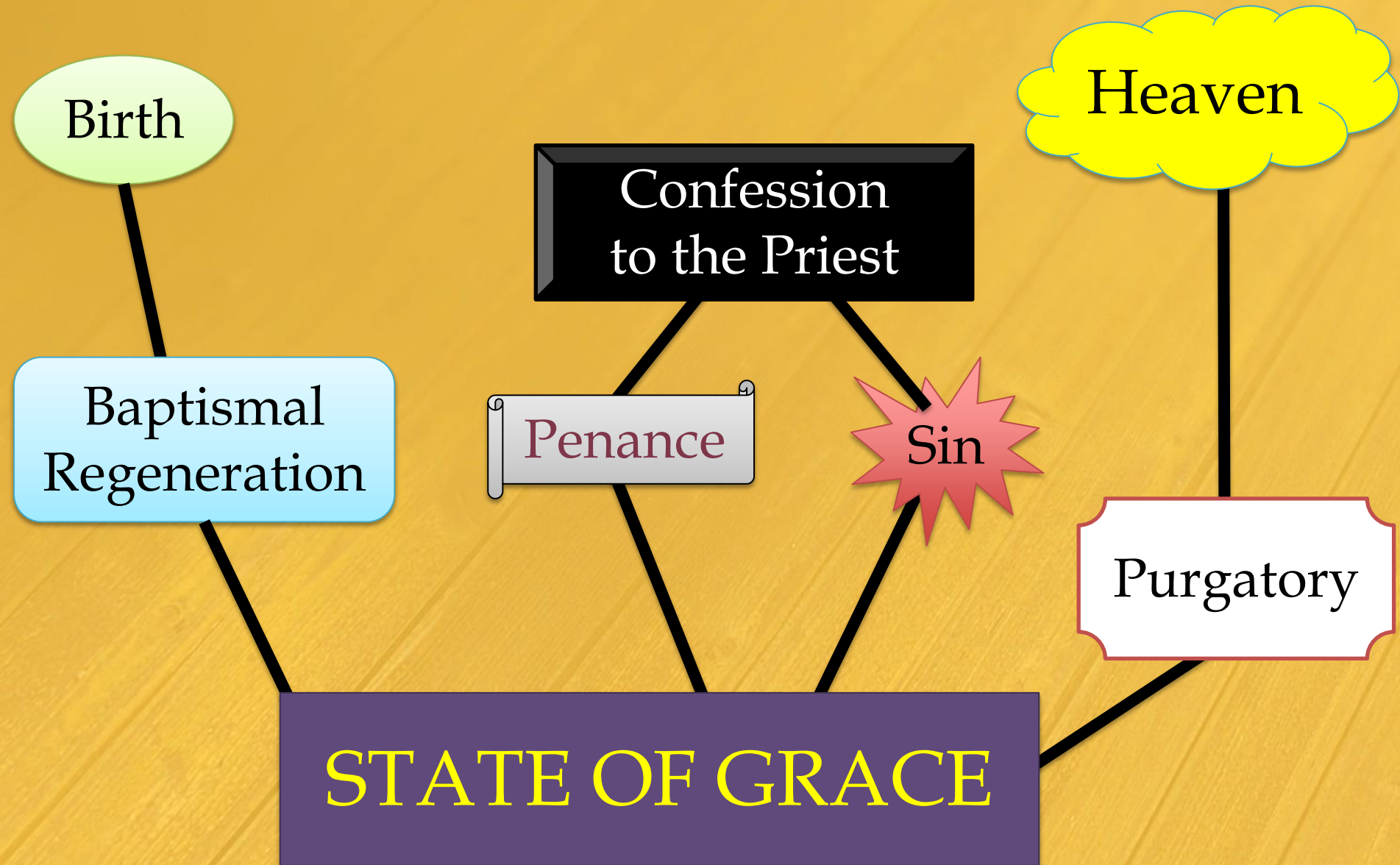




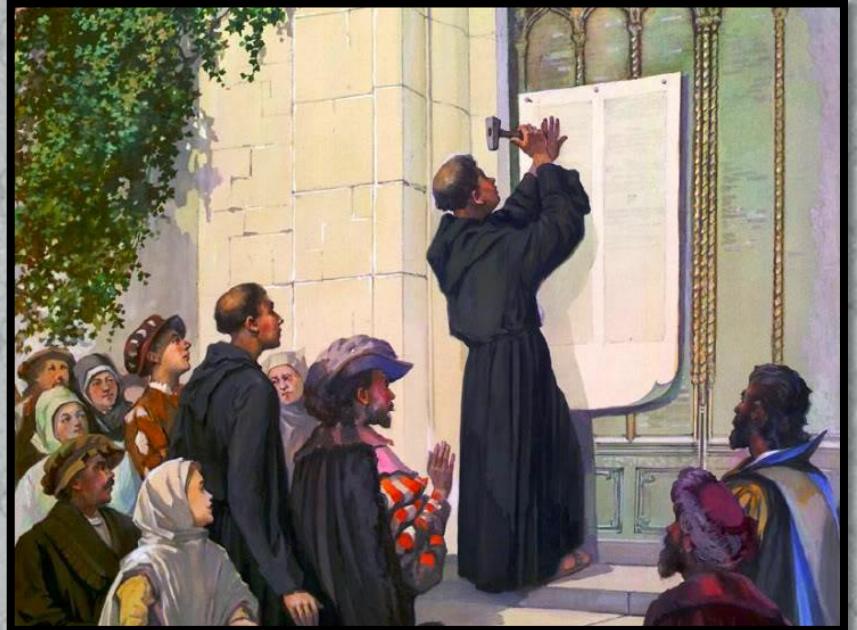
2 Key Issues

1. The authority of the Pope
2. The nature of salvation

# Medieval Catholic Concept of Salvation









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- Luther's Later Years  
1530-1546





# Luther's Life & Legacy

## Luther's Early Years – 1483-1517

- Luther's Childhood
- Luther & the Thunderstorm
- Luther the Monk



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# The Religious Background of Luther's Day

## Council of Trent – 1545 - 1563

CANON IV – “If any one saith, that the sacraments of the New Law are not necessary unto salvation, but superfluous; and that, without them, or without the desire thereof, men obtain of God, through faith alone, the grace of justification; -though all (the sacraments) are not necessary for every individual; let him be anathema.”



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Sacraments  
& Salvation

Seven Sacraments

Rogier  
van der Weyden  
1450

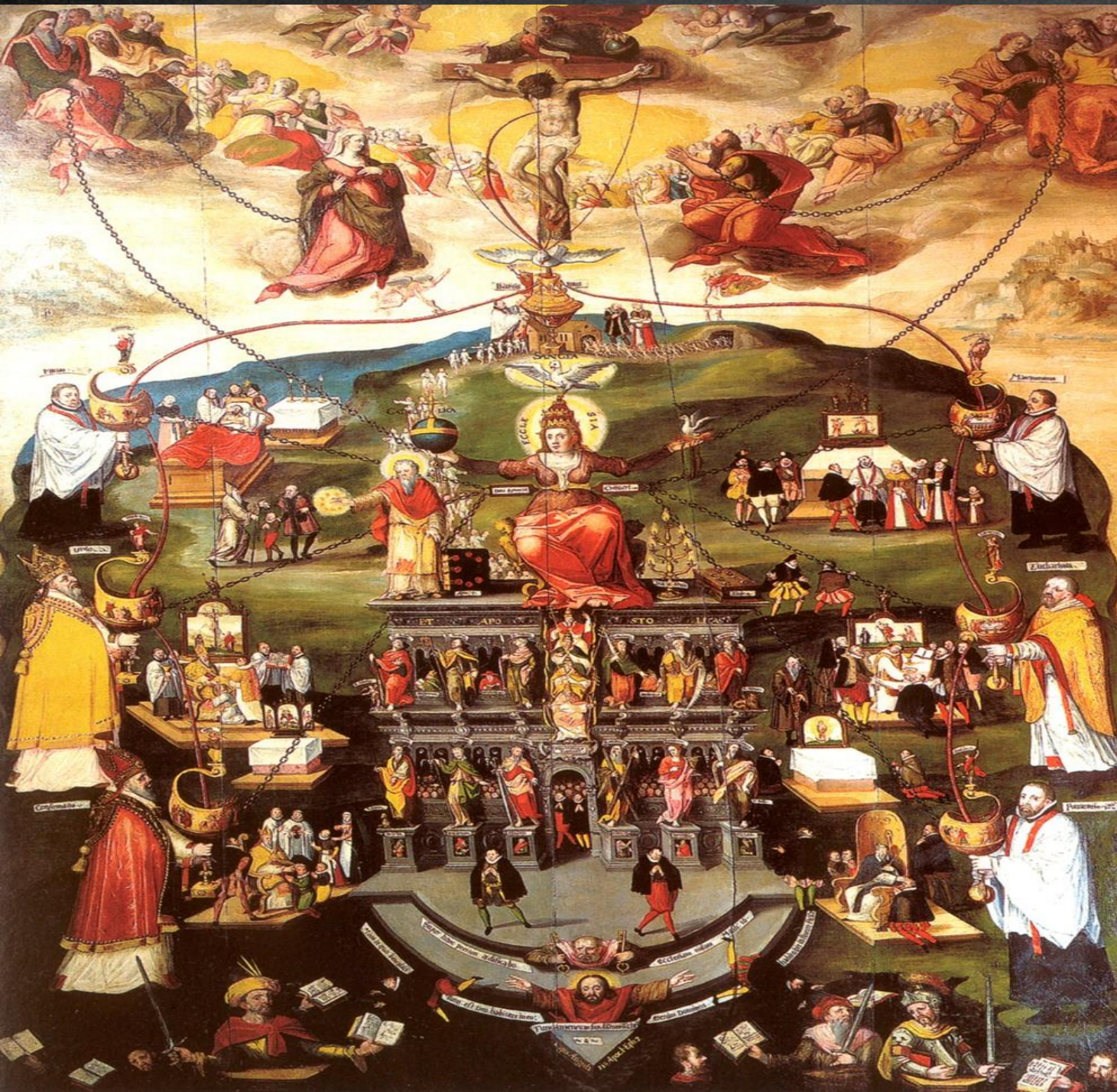




# Medieval Catholic Sacraments

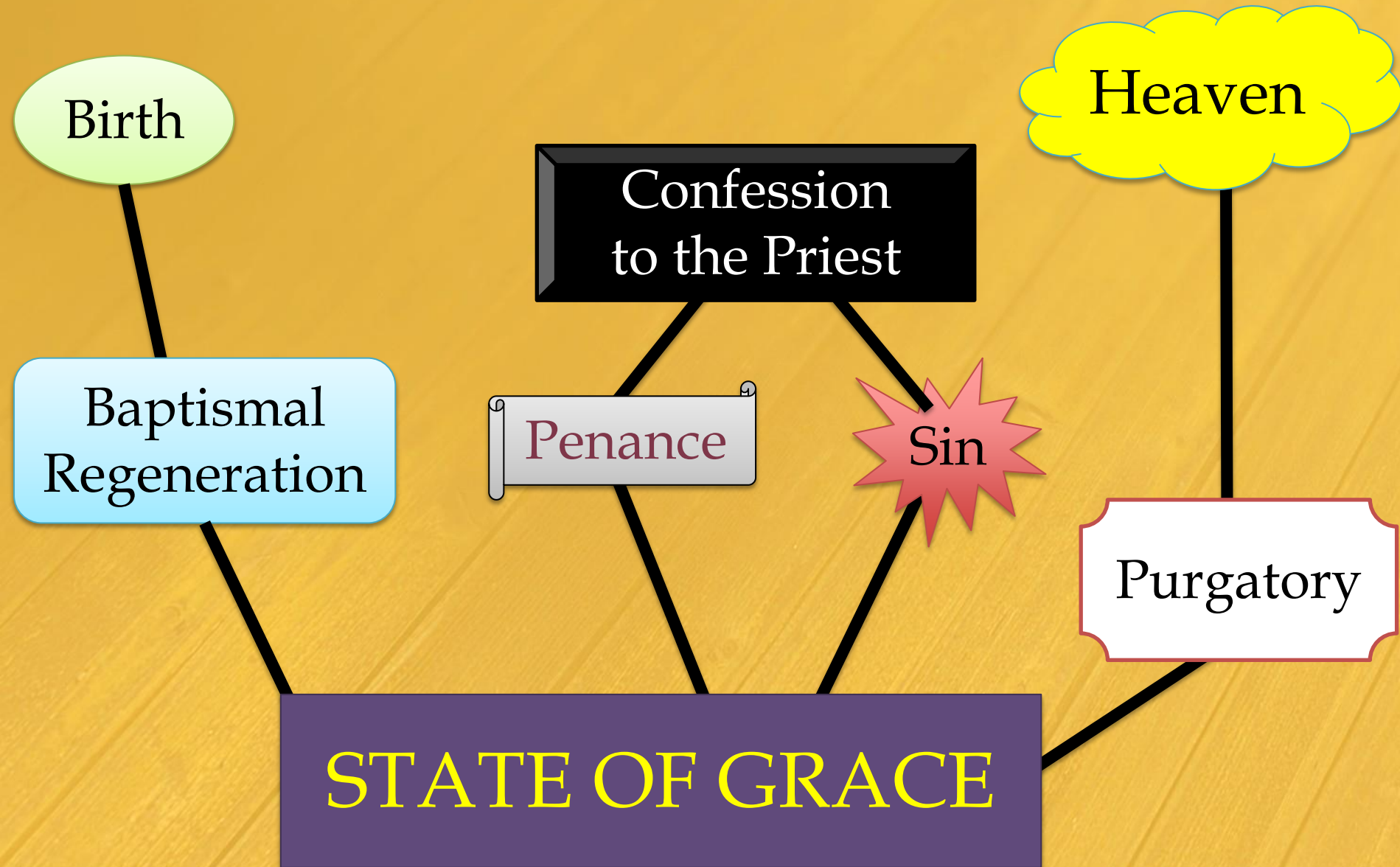
Wrisberg Epitaph

Johannes Hopffe  
1585





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Birth

Baptismal  
Regeneration

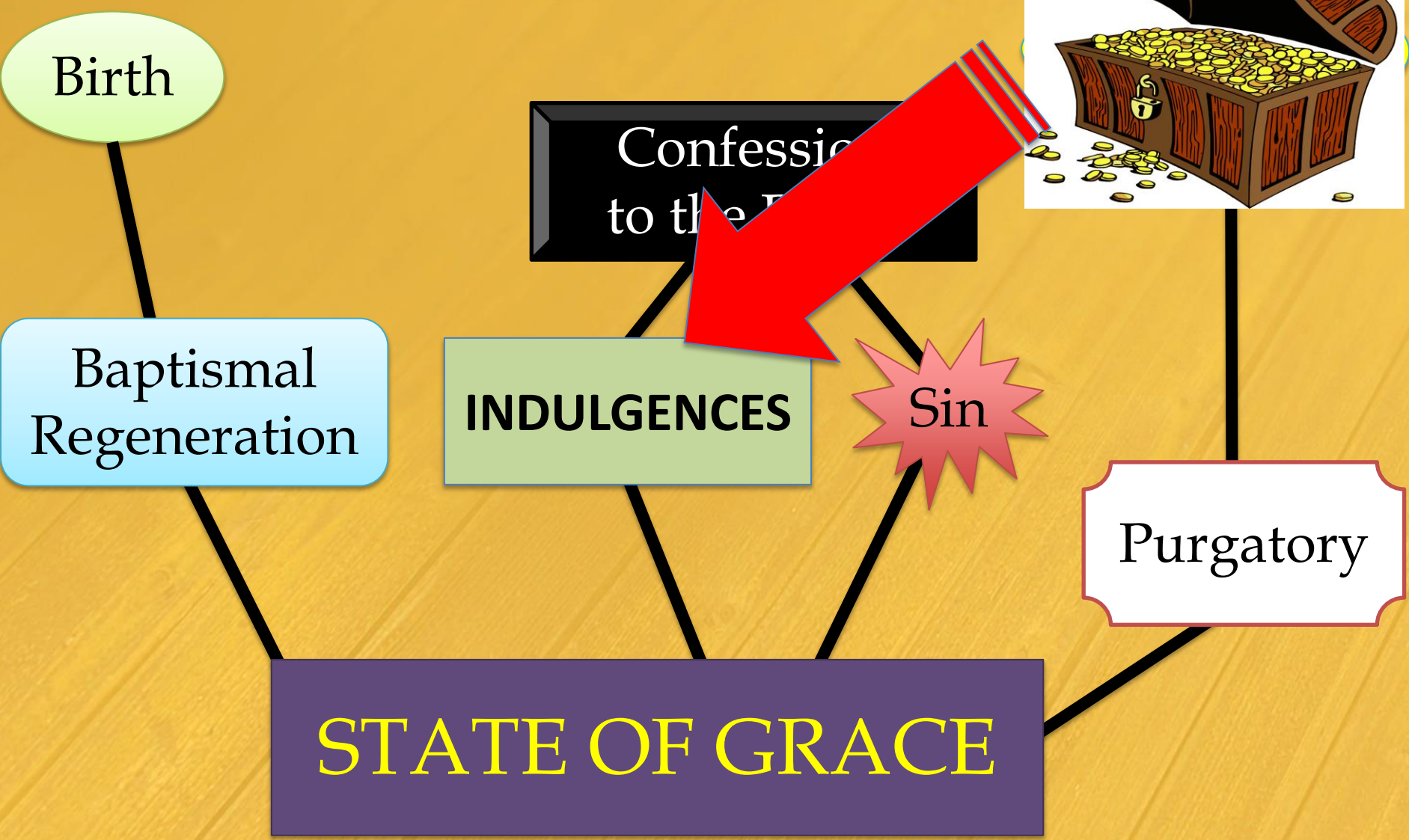
Confession  
to the Priest

**INDULGENCES**

Sin

Purgatory

**STATE OF GRACE**





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**Raymūbus** miseratōe diuina. tituli scē marie noue. scē Romāe ecclie p̄biter. Cardinalis gurcei. Ad vniuersos Germaniā Dacīā  
Sueciā. Noruegiā. Prussia. Poloniā. oēsq; et singulas illarū puincias Ciuitates terras et loca. Eius sacro Romāo imperio in ipsa Germania sub  
iactō Teis adiacētia Aplice sedis de latere Legatō. Vniuersis et singulis p̄ntes lrās in sp̄cūis Salūtē in dño Notūfacim⁹ q̄ Sc̄ntissim⁹ in xpo p̄ter  
dñs n̄r. dñs Alexander diuina p̄uidentia p̄p̄a electus et modernus. Locessit oibus et singulis vtriusq; sexus xp̄ifidelib⁹ p̄ tuitionē oibus dose  
fidel. cōtra Thurcos (eiusdē fidei inimicos) iuxta ordinationē nostrā man⁹ ad furices porrigetibus vtra Yubileū et alias indulgētiās grās et facul  
tates quas xp̄ifideles obtinere p̄nt visitādo ecclias p̄ nos (aut Comissarios n̄ros) deputādas. ac si visitassent Basilicas v̄bile tpe Yubilei. p̄nt  
lris aplice de sup̄ cōfectis plen⁹ p̄ntef. q̄ possint eligere cōfessione ydoneā secularē vel regularē. qui eis semel in vita ab oib⁹ et singulis p̄cis. ex  
cessib⁹. criminib⁹ et delictis (etiā sedi Aplice generalit̄ vel specialit̄ reseruat⁹) Exceptis cōtēntis in lris que in die tene dñi legi cōsueci sūt abso  
lutionē plenissimā impēdet. Ab alijs vero eidē sedi nō reseruat⁹ (vita eis comite) toties quoties eos absoluet. Et in mortis articulo Ac etiā to  
tius quoties de eorū morte dubitat (etiā si tūc eos decedere nō coungat) plenissimā oim p̄ctōg suorū remissionē eis impartiri valeat. Indulget  
etiā sanctissim⁹ dñs n̄r motu suo p̄p̄o oēs et singulos xp̄ifideles h̄mōi. ac eorū parētes et benefactores defunctos (qui cū caritate decellerūt) in  
om̄ib⁹ p̄cis. suffragijs. missis. elemosinis. reuocatis. orōnib⁹. v̄sitiplinis et ceteris oib⁹ sp̄ualib⁹ bonis que fiūt et fieri poterūt in tota vniuersa  
li sacrosctā xp̄i ecclia militāte (Et oib⁹ mēbus eiusdē) imp̄petū p̄ncipes fieri. Et ne sup̄ p̄missis a quoq; verni possit in dubiū voluit ip̄e Sc̄ntissim⁹  
dñs n̄r p̄p̄tib⁹ n̄ris lrās itā adhibeat si des q̄ta adhiberet si sub bulla sua plūbea expeditē forēt. Necnō easdē sub q̄buscūq; ḡnālib⁹ vel sp̄cia  
lib⁹ desūb⁹ grācijs et facultatib⁹ forsan emanādis reuocatōib⁹ et suspēsiōib⁹ nullaten⁹ cōp̄bedi debere. Et q̄ deuot⁹ in xpo  
Ad ipsius fidei p̄tā subuentionē et defensionē iuxta summi p̄ntificis intētionē et nostrā ordina  
tionē p̄t per p̄ntes lrās in h̄mōi testimoniū a nobis tradit⁹ approbam⁹ de suis bonis cōtulerit h̄deo (autē aplice nobis cōmissa) ip̄i vt ip̄icus  
grat⁹ et indulgētijs vi et gaudere possit et valeat cōcedimus pariter et indulgem⁹ p̄p̄tēs. Datū sub sigillo n̄ro ad hoc ordinat⁹.  
Die Mensis Anno dñi. M. cccc. ij.

## forma absolutōis in vita totiens quotiens.

Miserere tui etc. dñs n̄r ih̄s x̄pus p̄ meritū sue passionis te absoluat. Auēte cutus et Aplica michi in hac parte cōmissa et tibi concessa. Ego  
te absoluo ab omnibus peccatis tuis In noīe patris et filij et sp̄itus sancti Amen.

## forma absolutōis et plenissime remissionis semel i vita et i mortis articulo

Miserere tui etc. dñs n̄r ih̄s x̄pus p̄ meritū sue passionis te absoluat. Et ego Auēte ip̄ius et Aplica michi in hac parte cōmissa et tibi concessa te  
absoluo. P̄lo ab om̄i sentētia ex cōfessionis matōis vel minoris si quā incurrit. Deinde ab oib⁹ p̄cis tuis cōt̄it. confessis et oblitis. p̄ferēdo tibi  
plēssimā oim p̄ctōiū tuorū remissionē. Remittēdo tibi p̄cis purgatorij in xp̄i clauē scē matris ecclie se extēdit. In noīe patris et filij et sp̄. Amen

“As soon as a coin in the coffer rings  
A soul from purgatory springs!”

# Luther's Life & Legacy

## Luther's Road to Reformation – 1517-1530

- **Luther the Feisty Bible Professor**

- 95 Theses in 1517
- Heidelberg Disputation in 1518



Bucer writes a friend after the debate - *"Luther responds with magnificent grace and listens with insurmountable patience. He presents an argument with the insight of the apostle Paul."*



# Heidelberg Disputations

1. The law of God, the most salutary doctrine of life, **cannot advance man on his way to righteousness**, but rather **hinders him**.
16. The person who believes that he can obtain grace by doing what is in him **adds sin to sin** so that he becomes doubly guilty.
18. It is certain that **man must utterly despair of his own ability** before he is prepared to receive the grace of Christ.
25. He is not righteous who does much, but he who, **without work, believes much in Christ**.

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## Luther's conversion in his own words

Meanwhile, I had already during that year **returned to interpret the Psalter anew...after I had lectured in the university on St. Paul's epistles to the Romans, to the Galatians, and the one to the Hebrews.** I had indeed been captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans...a single word in Chapter 1, "In it the righteousness of God is revealed," that had stood in my way. For I hated that word "righteousness of God...with which God is righteous and punishes the unrighteous sinner. **At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night...I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God...the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith.**

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Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates. There a totally other face of the entire Scripture showed itself to me. Thereupon I ran through the Scripture from memory. I also found in other terms an analogy, as, the work of God, that is what God does in us, the power of God, with which he makes us wise, the strength of God, the salvation of God, the glory of God.

And I extolled my sweetest word with a love as great as the hatred with which I had before hated the word "righteousness of God."



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# The Leipzig Debate





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Pope & Scripture – does the Pope interpret Scripture for all or is Scripture above papal authority?

“No Christian believer can be forced beyond Holy Scripture”

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**“A simple Laymen armed with Scripture is to be believed above a pope or councils without it”**



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## Luther's Road to Reformation – 1517-1530

- **Luther the Theologian & Translator**

- Papal Bull in 1520 – *Exsurge Domine* – 60 days to recant – Luther receives the bull on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and burns it Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> in Wittenberg.
- Luther Writes 3 Important treatises:
  - To the Christian Nobility (Aug.)
  - On the Babylonian Captivity (Oct.)
  - On the Freedom of a Christian (Nov.)
- Luther on Trial – The Diet of Worms



**Here I stand – I can do no other. God help me.**





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And so, through the mercy of God, I ask Your Imperial Majesty, and Your Illustrious Lordships, or anyone of any degree, **to defeat them by the writings of the Prophets or by the Gospels**; for I shall be most ready, if I be better instructed, to recant any error, and I shall be the first in casting my writings into the fire. . . .**Unless I am convicted [convinced] of error by the testimony of Scripture** or (since I put no trust in the unsupported authority of Pope or councils, since it is plain that they have often erred and often contradicted themselves) by manifest reasoning, **I stand convicted [convinced] by the Scriptures to which I have appealed**, and my conscience is taken captive by God's word, I cannot and will not recant anything, for to act against our conscience is neither safe for us, nor open to us.

Here [On this] I take my stand. I can do no other. God help me.

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  - Luther at Wartburg – 1521-22



# The Wartburg - 1521-1522



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- **Luther the Theologian & Translator**

- Luther at Wartburg – 1521-1522
- Luther publishes first hymnal – 1524
- Luther holds first protestant service – Dec. 25, 1525
- Luther writes *On the Bondage of the Will* – 1525
  - The total depravity and inability of man
  - God is the only One who can save



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“A man without the Spirit of God does not do evil against his will, under pressure, as though he were taken by the scruff of the neck and dragged into it, like a thief...being dragged off against his will...but he does it spontaneously and voluntarily. And this willingness of volition is something which he cannot in his own strength eliminate. He goes on willing and desiring to do evil.”

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Luther's Road to Reformation – 1517-1530

- **Luther the Family Man**

- Luther marries Katharina Von Bora - 1525



# Katharina Von Bora

“Good God, what a lot of trouble there is in marriage! Adam has made a mess of our nature. Think of all the squabbles Adam and Eve must have had in the course of their nine hundred years. Eve would say, 'You ate the apple,' and Adam would retort, 'You gave it to me.'”



# Katharina Von Bora

“One wakes up in the morning and finds a pair of pigtails on the pillow which were not there before”

“I wouldn't give up Katy for France or for Venice”

“I shall die as one who loves and lauds marriage”

“Oh Katie, do not die and leave me!”





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- Luther and his children

# Katharina Von Bora



Hans (1526)  
Martin (1531)

Elizabeth (1528)  
Paul (1533)

Magdalene (1529);  
Margaret (1534)



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# The Reformation & The 5 Solas

## Authority

1. Sola Scriptura - Scripture alone

## Salvation

2. Sola Fide - Faith alone
3. Sola Gratia - Grace alone
4. Solus Christus - Christ alone
5. Soli Deo Gloria - God's glory