

Church History Literacy

Martin Luther – Part 3

Lesson 54

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Let's catch up



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“Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification... it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us”

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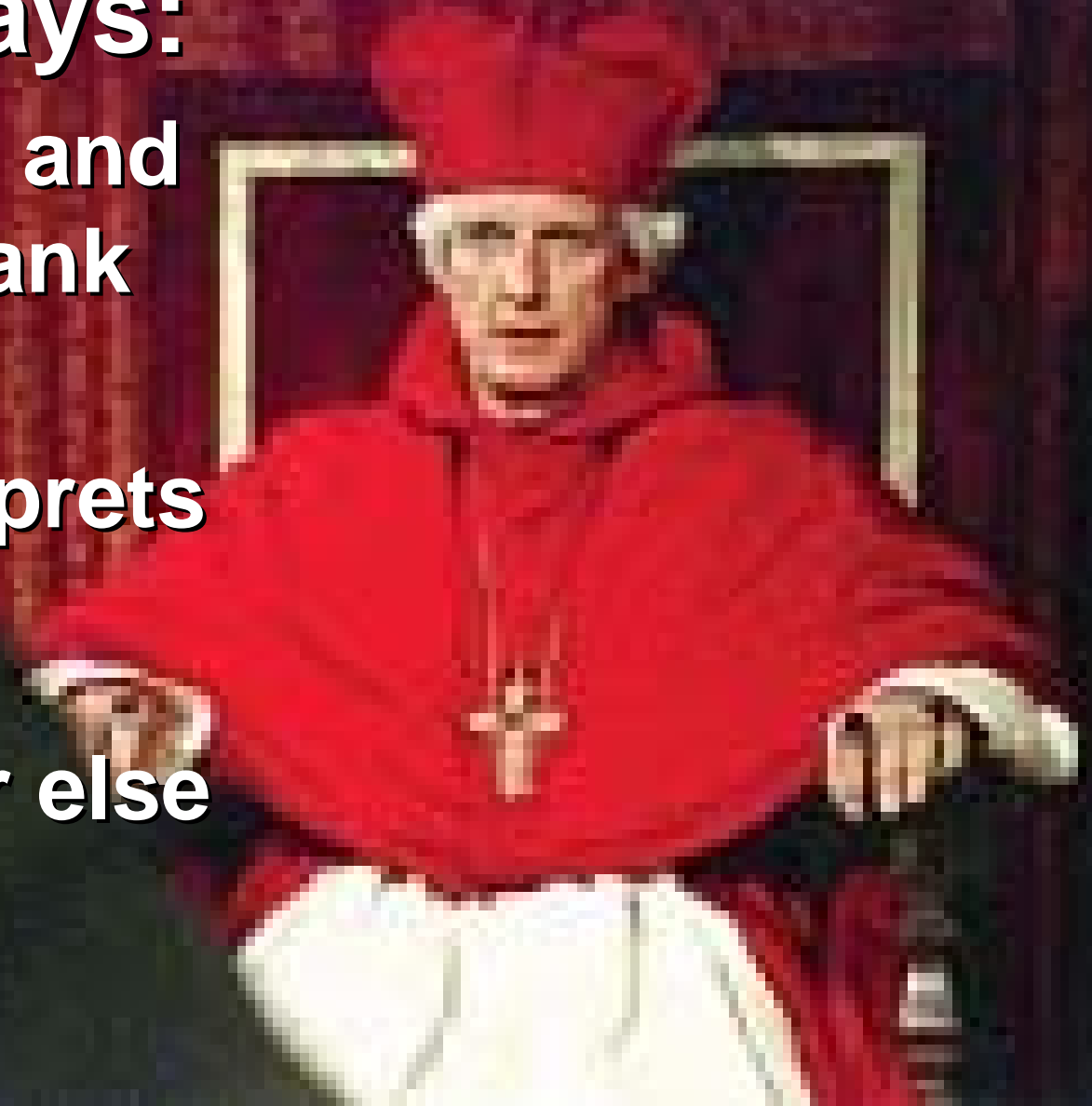
Frederick the
wise refused to
turn Luther over

The Pope sends Cardinal Cajetan to “fix” things



Three days:

- Purgatory and the merit bank
- Who interprets Scripture
- *Revoco* or else





Frederick the
wise still
refused to turn
Luther over



Luther and
Melancthon
debate John Eck

Luther goes international!
Then in 1520, the heat goes
up... Way up...

Tract One: The Sermon on Good Works



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“The first, highest, and most precious of all good works is faith in Christ!”
Consider John 6:28-29



Categories of Deeds

Good
Deeds

1. Fasting
2. Praying
3. Monasticism

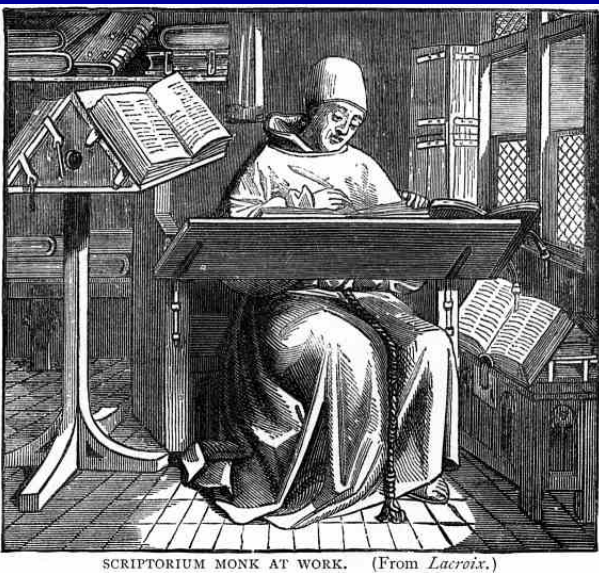
Mundane
Deeds

1. Eating
2. Sleeping
3. Working

Sinful
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1. Gluttony
2. Slothfulness
3. Cheating

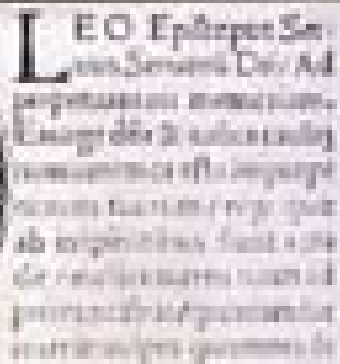
Now the
spiritual elite
and the
common
man were
on equal
footing
before God



Tract 2:
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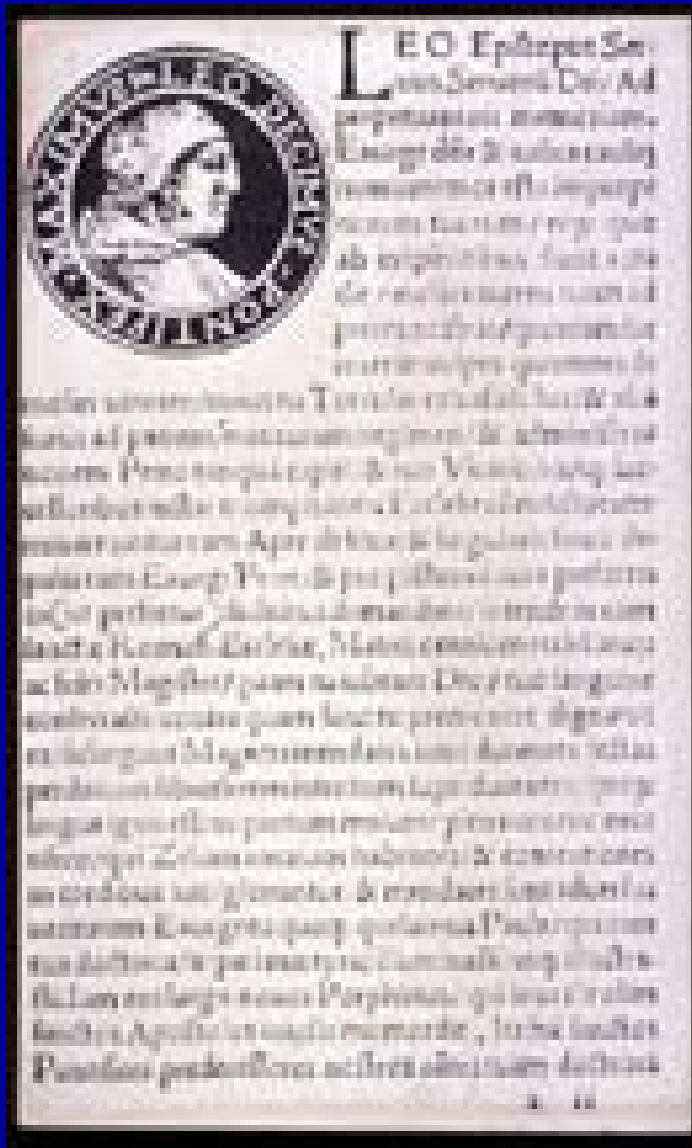
As developed and
in practice, the
papacy is an
institution of man
rather than
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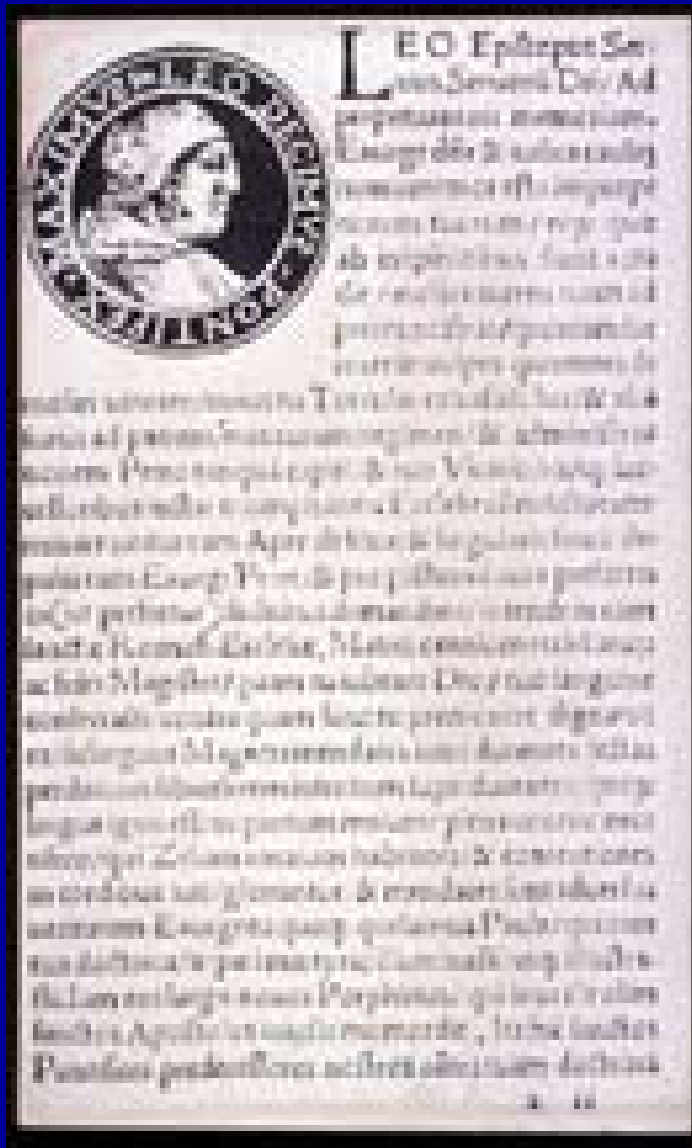
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- 42 of Luther's writings are condemned and to be burned

Meanwhile, Luther is writing
his most radical piece yet:

Tract 3:
Address to
the
German
Nobility

For 1,000 Years in Europe:

CHURCH



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Morality

For 1,000 Years in Europe:

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Morality



Education

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For 1,000 Years in Europe:

The CHURCH's Keys: Scripture, literacy and the Eucharist



Morality

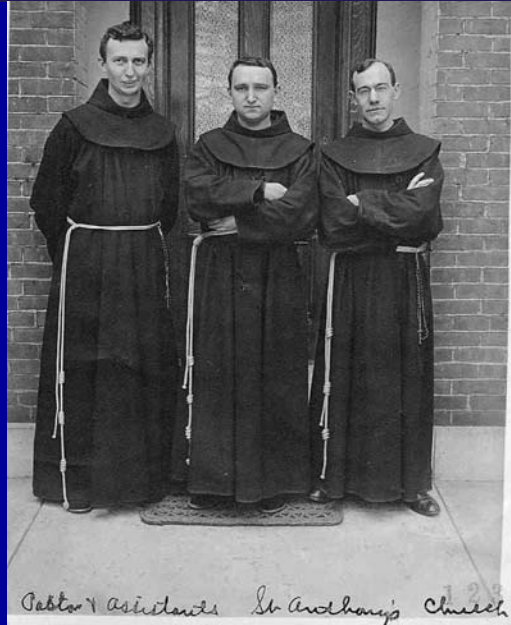


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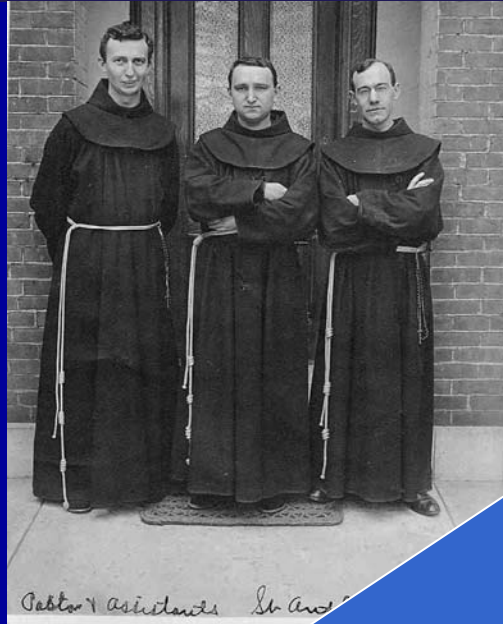


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For 1,000 years in Europe:



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This piece redrew the
lines that had existed
for 1,000 years

For 1,000 Years in Europe:

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For 1,000 Years in Europe:

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For 1,000 Years in Europe:

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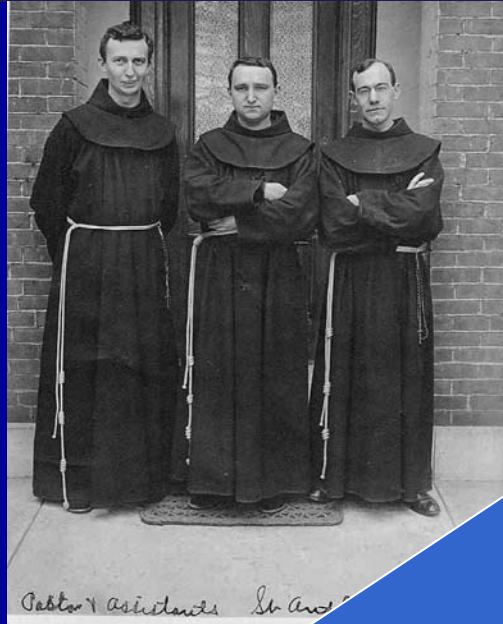


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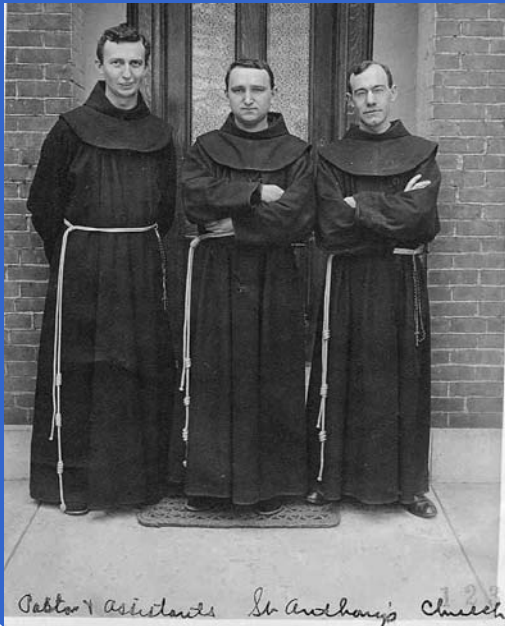


Community
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For 1,000 years in Europe:



A Priesthood of all believers



A Priesthood of all believers



As priests,
each individual
can interpret
Scripture



Luther then contrasted the
Pope to Jesus

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Lastly Luther argues for
reform



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**No control over
Government**

**Provision
for the poor**

Luther wanted to strip the church of its governing powers and wealth so it would better focus on its spiritual functions



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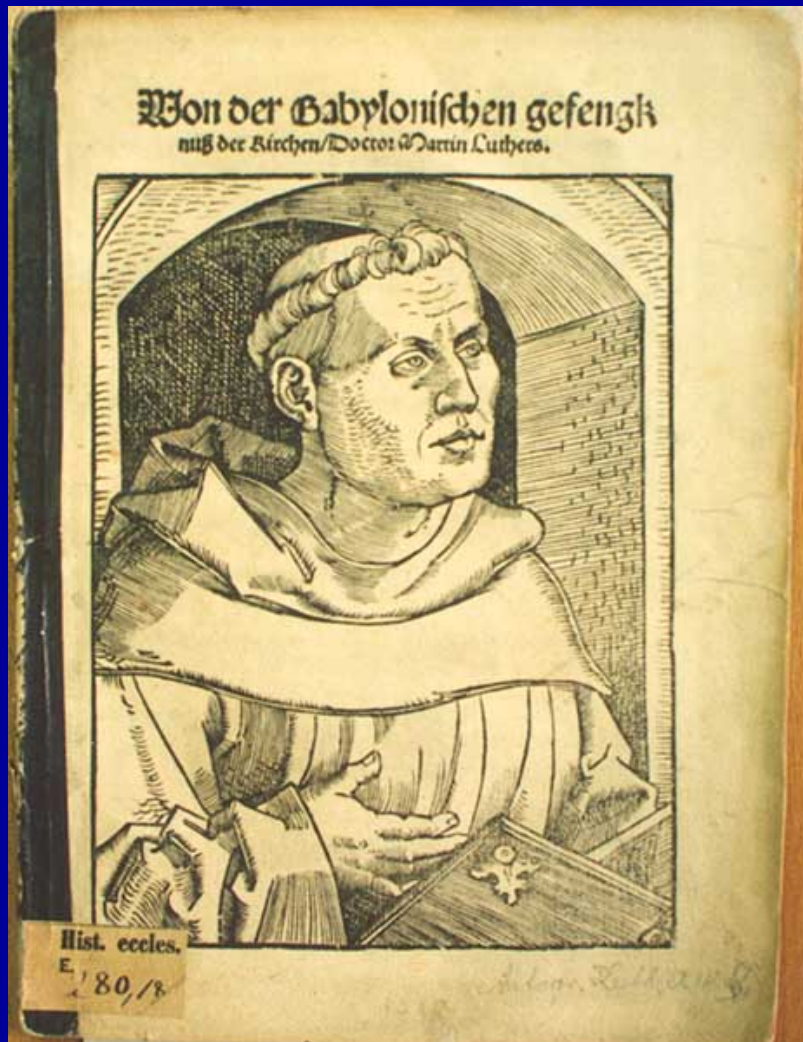


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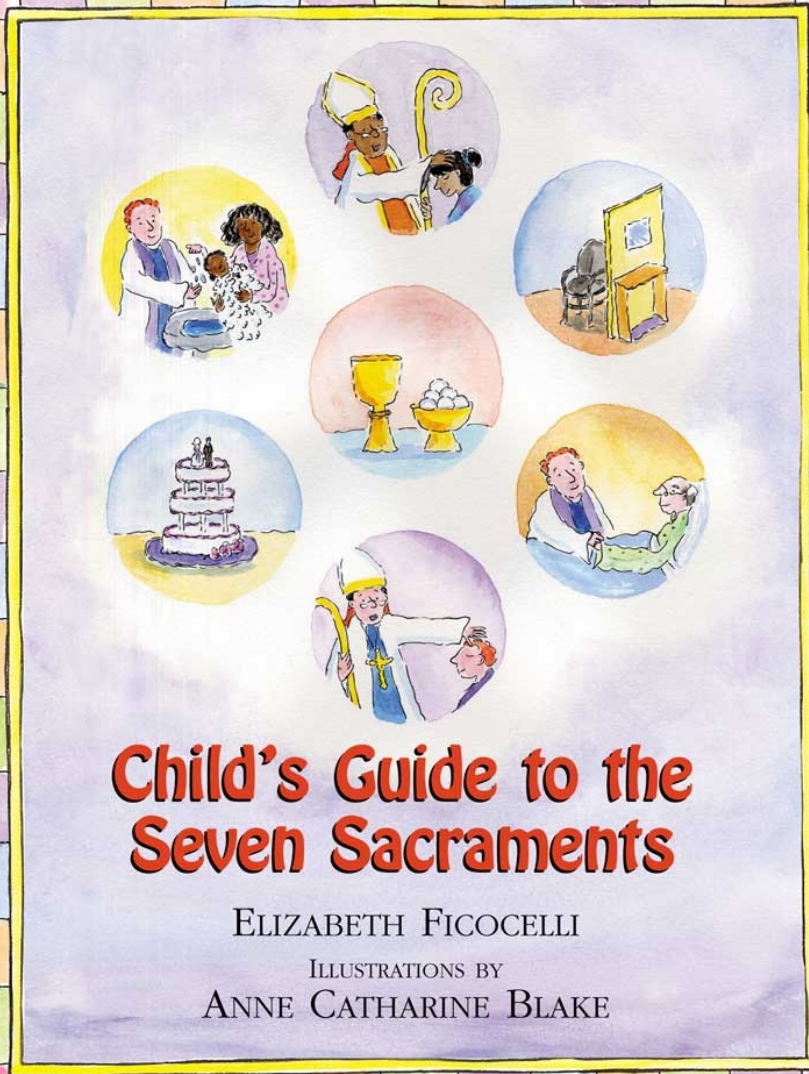


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Luther keeps
writing...

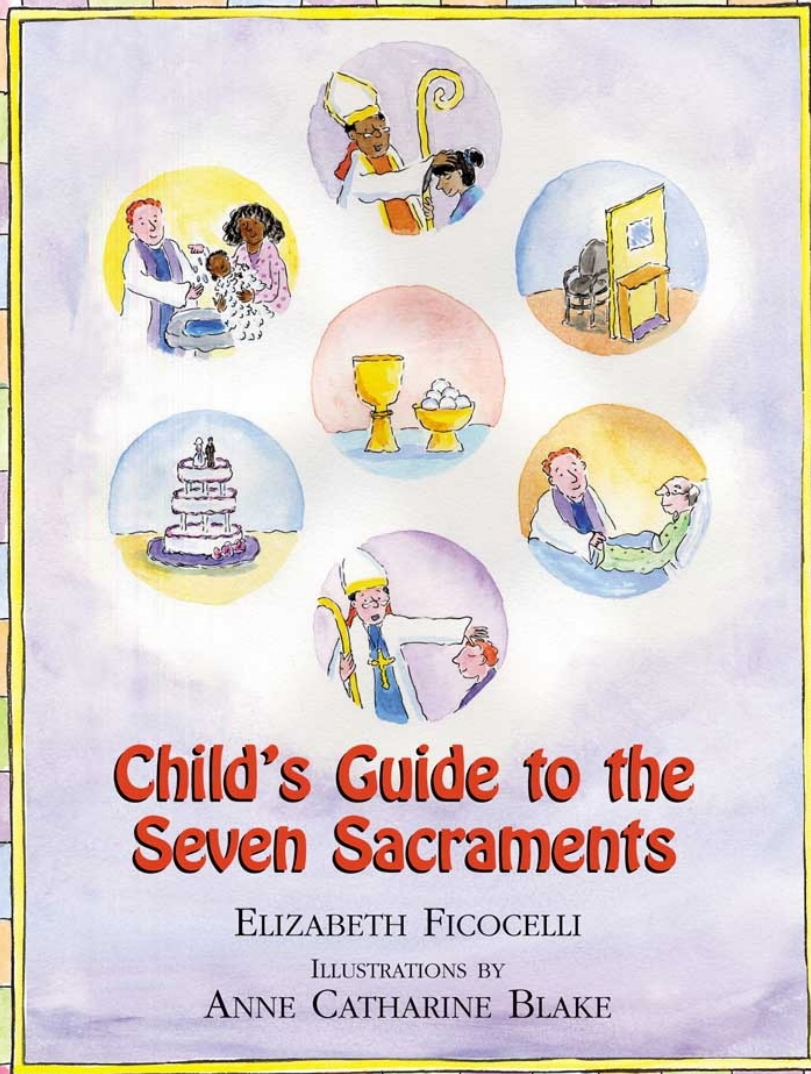
Luther's next writing does to the Church
what his last one did to society:



Tract 4:
The
Babylonian
Captivity of
the Church



The Church
recognized
seven
“Sacraments”



These are
physical
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that God's
grace is
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Marriage



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Marriage



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Ordination



To Luther, this was the captivity of the church



**Baptism was
still a
sacrament
where sins
were forgiven
by the Word of
God through
faith**



**The Eucharist
was a sacrament
where the grace
of God is given
through wine and
bread based on
the faith of the
believer, not the
words of the
minister**

**Luther did
not consider
“penance”
[confession
to a priest] a
sacrament**



**Luther viewed
confirmation a
good thing, but
not one
imparting
salvation**



**“Marriage was
part of the
stranglehold of
the church. It
did not impart
grace”**



**“Ordination”
was not to be
found in the
New Testament**



**“Extreme
Unction” was
found in James
and dealt with
sick, not dying**



October 10, 1520 the Bull
reached Luther



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Luther then
writes the pope a
letter and sends
his 5th tract

Instead of going to Rome, Luther and Melanchthon have their own book burning



Luther is called before the Emperor and Church at the Diet of Worms





Q: Are these books yours?
A: Yes





Q: Do you defend them or recant?



Q: Do you defend them or recant?
A: May I have a day to answer?



“My conscience is captive to the word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against



“conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. Amen.”



The Emperor declares Luther an outlaw,
guilty of heresy, to be arrested and
punished



Points for Home

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- Where do you stand? What do you value enough to die for?

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- Praise God for our Bibles. (And support the Gideons!)

Points for Home

- “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith” (Heb. 10:19-22)