

A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther wrote the words to a well-known hymn called "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Churches around the world still sing it today! You may sing it during worship today. Read the lyrics. Circle words that describe God. Put an exclamation point by action-packed words. Put a question mark by words you do not know. Underline words that are about good and evil.

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.

The old evil foe,
Sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.



READER

Reformation Day

- Today is **Reformation Day**.
- On Reformation Day, we remember the beginnings of the **Protestant church** in **1517**.
- In 1517, a monk named **Martin Luther** protested some of the Catholic Church's activities.
- Lutherans and other denominations like **Presbyterians** and **Methodists** are called **Protestants** because of that protest.

Thinking of Theses

Many people who study history say that the Reformation started when Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the door of the main church in Wittenberg, Germany. Each Thesis was a statement of something that Luther believed. Color in the picture of Martin Luther. Then write three beliefs that you have on the lines below him. Can you imagine thinking of 95?



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." – John 8:31-32



In the left column are important words from this verse. In the right column are synonyms (words that mean the same thing) and antonyms (words that mean the opposite thing) for those words. Connect the words to their synonyms in green, and to their antonyms in red.

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| BELIEVE | DENY |
| CONTINUE | CAPTIVE |
| DISCIPLE | TRUST |
| FREE | REMAIN |
| | STOP |
| | LIBERATED |
| | ENEMY |
| | LEAVE |
| | FOLLOWER |
| | FRIEND |
| | BOLIND |

Fortress Word Search

When Martin Luther first protested some of the teachings of the Catholic Church, he wanted to change it. He didn't plan to start a whole new church. However, he soon realized that the old church would never accept his beliefs. Find the key words about the Reformation in the puzzle to the right.

Reformation	Luther	Wittenberg	Calvin
German	Pope	Theses	Catholic
Grace	Protestant	Bible	Faith

Bible Scavenger Hunt

Martin Luther believed that it was very important for people to read the Bible for themselves. Find a NRSV Bible to complete this activity. Look up these verses and write down the first letter of each one. The first verse has already been done as an example.

	Verse	First Letter
1	Luke 4:22	A
2	Micah 6:10	
3	Romans 5:21	
4	1 John 4:12	
5	Genesis 4:3	
6	Revelation 1:12	

Now, fill in the letters above the corresponding number to learn the name of Luther's most important doctrine.

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Y	J	I	R	T	S	R	A	K	B	T	B	Q	Q	X
X	H	M	T	J	W	X	T	D	Q	I	H	U	Y	G
T	A	S	W	A	D	D	S	V	B	B	C	E	R	W
N	P	O	P	E	M	D	E	U	F	Z	T	E	R	N
C	N	Q	B	Y	Q	R	T	N	G	D	B	E	U	Y
A	I	D	O	S	Y	P	O	I	Y	N	X	C	B	J
L	S	E	S	E	H	T	R	F	E	E	R	A	V	Z
V	H	F	X	Z	L	C	P	T	E	K	K	R	O	S
I	U	T	M	T	C	C	T	T	Q	R	K	G	I	Q
N	J	I	I	K	A	I	C	A	T	H	O	L	I	C
N	G	B	I	A	W	E	T	C	P	M	S	Y	C	C
B	N	U	F	J	F	Z	O	Q	G	H	F	E	G	N
A	J	Z	T	L	F	J	Y	Z	M	G	J	L	Z	H