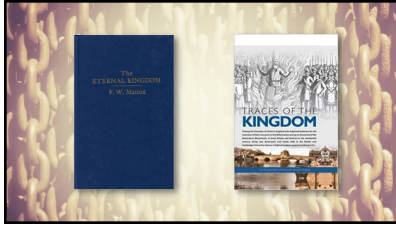
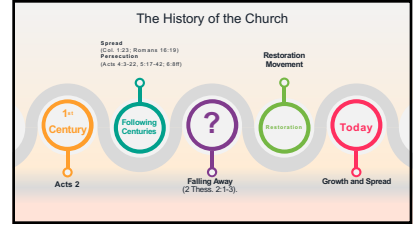


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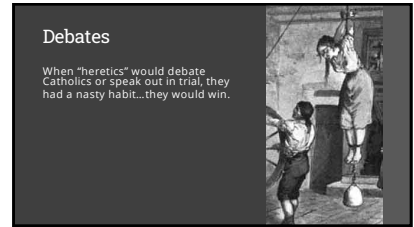
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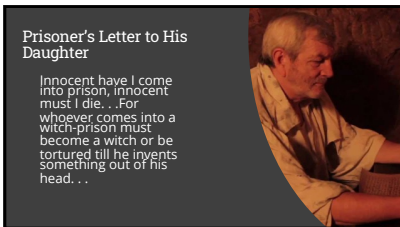
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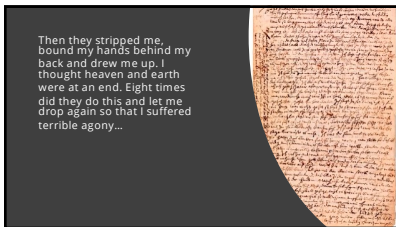
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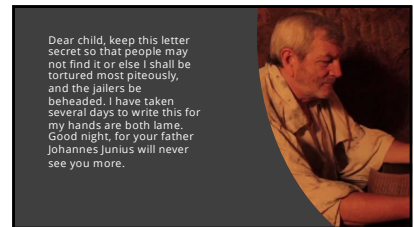
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Witchcraft and Heresy


The Catholic theologian Montague Summers (1926) showed the "close correlation between witchcraft and heresy."



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Wasn't Just Catholics

Luther himself accused people of witchcraft, and the Lutheran Judge, Benedict Carpzov issued 20,000 death warrants for German witches.



11


Protected?

- When a decree was passed protecting girls under twelve from execution, the authorities just became patient.
- Anne Hauldecoeur, age 7, was tortured and confessed to being a witch. She was placed in prison in 1614, and on July 11, 1619 was executed (the day she turned 12).

12

John Calvin

He started attacking the church of Christ ruthlessly.



13

Milburn White

Burned alive by the Bishop of Norwich. When he tried to preach at the Stake to those watching, he was hit hard enough in the face to prevent him from speaking.

14



After this... Many, in these areas, cropped up and were captured, tried, and burned.

15

International Conference

In August 1536, the Bocholt conference took place.

16

...and his little dog too.

Mr. Collins in 1538... He was arrested and taken immediately and burned, along with his dog.



17

Whole Congregations Were Sometimes Caught

In Kent, four preachers and sixty members of the congregation. Seems that they also had elders.



18

Deal, England

Around 1670 a congregation was meeting around Deal.




19

Martin Luther

Luther stated that Anabaptists should be executed.


Commentary on the Bible, Martin Luther, 1534, pp. 397-2 in the 55-volume set Luther's Works, edited by Jaroslav Pelikan et al.



20

Tyndale


- Used Erasmus Greek text to translate the Bible into English.
- There is good evidence that Tyndale came from a Lollard family.



21

Tyndale

"If God spare my life, ere these many years, I will cause a boy who drives the plough to know more of the Scripture than you do."



22

Tyndale


Interesting that in the Anglican Church he has been made a saint and Oct. 6 is his own saint's day.



23

Tyndale

His brother was a member of the church at the Bow Lane congregation and his brother's children continued in the faith after the death of William.




24

Churches of Christ

- Helped to fund his work on the Bible and helped smuggle the Bibles into England.
- The Bow Lane congregation was especially active, where his brother John worshipped.
- John was prosecuted in 1530 for distributing Bibles.

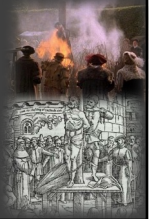
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Tyndale Had a Problem



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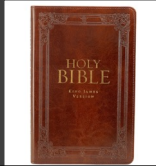
Betrayed, captured, and killed in 1536



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KJV


80% of the KJV is Tyndale's work.



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James Bainham


Dies in 1532 at the stake.



29

1555

- Queen Mary persecuted the church at Bow Lane.



30

Church Covenant dated January 4, 1599

We, this church of Christ, meeting at Epworth, Crowle and West Butterwick, in the county of Lincolnshire, whose names are underwritten, give up ourselves to the Lord and one to another according to the will of God. We do promise and covenant in the presence of Christ to walk together in the laws and ordinances of baptised believers according to the rules of the Gospel through Jesus Christ, so helping us. Signed by James Rayner, **John Morton**, Henry Helwise, **William Brewster**, William Bradford, elders of the church.

Also signed by 32 names, some only with an X.

31

John Smyth

Supposed co-founder of the Baptist Church.



32

John Morton

- Minutes of the church at Epworth and Crowle: "1606, March 24. This night at midnight elder John Morton baptised John Smyth, vicar of Gainsborough, in the River Don. It was so dark we were obliged to have torch lights. Elder Brewster prayed, Mister Smyth made a good confession; walked to Epworth in his cold clothes, but received no harm. The distance was over two miles. All of our friends were present. To the triune God be praise."

33

John Smyth

- Seems to have changed his views on Calvinism, and been baptized into the Lord's Church.
- In Amsterdam he comes to the conclusion that there must be succession in baptism. He then baptizes himself, but continues to modify his other beliefs.

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His Personal Confession — Never published by the Baptists (Original in the Mennonite Archives, Amsterdam)

- (III) That God imposes no necessity of sinning on any one; but man freely, by Satanic instigation, departs from God.
- (V) That there is no original sin (lit. No sin of origin or descent), but all sin is actual and voluntary, viz., a word, a deed, or a design against the law of God; and therefore, infants are without sin.

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- (X) That faith, destitute of good works, is vain; but true and living faith is distinguished by good works.
- (XII) That the church of Christ is a company of the faithful; baptized after confession of sin and of faith endowed with the power of Christ.

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- (XIV) That baptism is the external sign of the remission of sins, of dying and of being made alive, and therefore does not belong to infants.
- (V) That the Lord's Supper is the external sign of the communion of Christ, and of the faithful amongst themselves by faith and love.

37

William Brewster



When the Mayflower sailed in 1620, William Brewster, from that congregation, was on it.

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History Repeats Itself

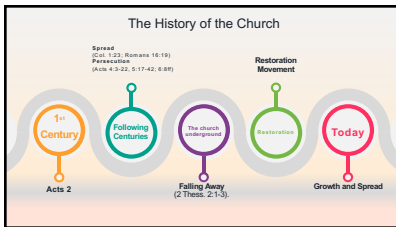
- In the 1600s and 1700s many of the churches of Christ were taken over by Calvinistic thinking and eventually converted into Baptist churches.
- In the early 1900s the same thing happened again with the Disciples of Christ and the Christian Church.
- It's happening again. We should expect persecution.

39

Alexander Campbell

"I would engage to show that baptism as viewed and practiced . . . had its advocates in every century up to the Christian era and independent of whose existence (the German Anabaptists), clouds of witnesses attest the fact, that before the Reformation from Popery, and from the apostolic age to the present time, the sentiments of anabaptists and the practice of baptism have had a continued chain of advocates..."

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