

occasions and one day as some unknown reader in that chapel stood up and read from M. Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Galatians, J. Wesley said he felt his heart was strongly stirred and he got an understanding of what salvation through Christ meant beyond what he had ever had before. J. Wesley's whole life was changed from that moment. Wesley went out and ~~went~~^{went} up and down throughout Eng. for the next 50 yrs. and more winning thousands to the Lord and the results of his activities affected all the different denominations and groups in Eng. and in America. J. Wesley's brother, Charles, was also a Rector of the ch. of England, a godly man trying to serve the Lord but having little effectiveness. He heard about the change in his brother. He was greatly interested. He took a different writing of M. Luther -- his Introduction -- his Preface to his Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans. As he read that he found in it the stimulus that gave him an understanding of the Scripture that led to his writing those many hymns that are such a great part of all of protestant hymn books. His life in association with his brother did a great deal to affect all the different groups in England, in Wales, in Scotland, in America and through the missionary work in many many other countries.

So I think we are quite justified in saying that in so far as it is based on anything other than the Bible itself, our modern Protestant movement goes back for its beginning to M. Luther.

Now I want to call your attention to certain important factors in the life of M. Luther. First to some that I think are very important as examples to us, then to point out one or two weaknesses in them that I think are important as matters for us to watch that we ourselves do not fall into. First the great central thing in developing M. Luther as a grt. leader was his realization of the importance of the matter of the problem of sin. I have here a copy of TIME magazine of one week before last. Under RELIGION they have a discussion of religious books that appeared during the last year or books dealing with religion.