

Although I am going to speak about the Bible

the evil that men do lives after them the good is oft interred with their bones, so let it be with Caesar. This statement might be applied to Luther but would be only half true. The good that Luther did was not interred with his bones. It did indeed look so at the time. The Emperor Charles V had been manouevring despite difficulty with the ambitions of the French kings and of the Popes who were constantly striving to agrandize themselves instead of being willing to make the compromises that Charles wanted in order to retain a unity --- in order to try to retain a unified Christendom.

At last Charles reached a point where he was able to divide the Protestant camp into two groups by making specious promises to some of the leaders and to gain sufficient freedom from papal intrigue or French opposition or from danger of French attack that he could try to put a decisive end to Protestantism. His army came crashing south overcoming everything in its way. The very year died and after Luther had/been buried in the church at Wittenburg the whole territory lay prostrate at Charle's feet. Charles came into the church and saw the place where Luther was buried. The man A young man of 21 newly installed --- only recenlty installed as Emperor had an outlaw and had ordered that k any one who would help him should become an outlaw, and thought that he could stop writing the rising movement of finding faith and hope in the living Christ rather than in rituals and ceremonies. Charles stood at the --- looked at the ~~xxx~~ tomb -- at the burial place of Luther. The supporters of the Emperor turned to him and said, "Pick up the bones of the heretic, burn them, scatter them to the winds." This was the fate that had met many a Protestant -- the body of many a Protestant leader in the past, and was yet to come to some of them --- those who were then preaching and teaching the Word of God in England. It is said that when Charles heard this suggestion he drew himself to his full height and declared, "I fight the living and not the dead." He refused to allow Luther's burial place to be disturbed.