

V. Evaluation of Luther's work

1. Of supreme importance
2. Reasons for Luther's great effectiveness
 - a. Religious man
 - b. Man of people
 - c. Not an extremist
 - d. Points men to Christ
 - e. Rare ability in expression
 - f. Tremendous energy
 - g. Courageous
3. Emphasis on the 3 great fundamental principles of the Reformation
 - a. Authority of Scripture
 - b. Justification by faith
 - c. Priesthood of believers
4. Luther's weaknesses
 - a. Future of church
 - b. Question of church government
 - c. Use of strong language
 - d. Failure to make clear the broad areas of possible unity with the sharp borders around this area

W. Germany during the 35 years following Luther's death

1. Political situation
2. Religious situation in 1555
 - a. Spread of Reformation ideas
 - b. Variety of theological views
 - c. Situation in Saxony
 - d. Attitude of Gnesio Lutherans
3. Spread of Reformed churches in Germany
4. Attacks upon Melancthon
5. Turnover in Saxony (1574)