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ii) how we came to have the Bible in English.

iii) was the Reformation a “one off” event?

**Two of the major events in the 2000
year period since the birth of Jesus**

**476AD - Fall of western Roman
Empire was start of Dark Ages.**

**1453AD - Fall of eastern Roman
Empire was end of Dark Ages.**

“...know that a person is not justified (made right with God) by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified (made right with God) by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no-one will be justified (made right with God).”

Galatians 2.16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3.16

"Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5.6-8

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”

1 Peter 1.18 & 19

God's Justification

- His act of showing or declaring a sinner to be in right standing with Himself because Jesus paid the penalty for our sin when He died on the cross.

Having been convicted by the Holy Spirit that we have this disease called sin, (this inherited inclination to go our own way and be independent of God), and if we humbly confess and acknowledge that this is so, and if we are prepared to turn from our independence and agree with God, (repentance) and by faith believe that Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sin, we will receive God's forgiveness and the Holy Spirit will come to live within us.

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Translations existing before start of Reformation

Septuagint (2nd/3rd century BC)

Earliest surviving Greek translation of the Old Testament from the original Hebrew

The Vulgate (4th century AD)

Translation of the Bible into Latin that was the Catholic Church's officially used Latin version of the Bible during the 16th century.

Bible translations

John Wycliffe - English translation (1382)

Based on Vulgate. Hand written – up to a whole year to copy!

You version (Bible App)

As of today 29th October 2017

- 1,588 versions of the Bible available**
- 1,134 languages supported**
- 292,476,488 downloads to smart phones/tablets**

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Martin Luther - German translation NT (1522)

Based on Greek text

William Tyndale - English trans. NT (1525-1536)

Based on Greek text

Geneva Bible - English trans. OT & NT (1560)

Based on Hebrew & Greek text

KJV of Bible -English trans. (1611)

NIV

(1978)

ESV (2001) (Both English trans.)

OTHER REFORMERS

Patrick Hamilton 1504-1528 (martyr-age 24)

George Wishart 1513-1546 (martyr – age 33)

John Knox 1505(1515?)-1572

By 1560 Knox established Presbyterianism as the national Church of Scotland.

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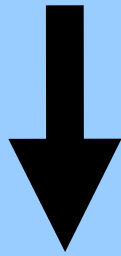
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Reformation slogan

“semper reformanda”



“always being reformed”

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test & approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing & perfect will.”

Romans 12. 1&2

**“Be continually renewed in the
spirit of your mind”**

Ephesians 4.23 (AB)