

An interactive blog for everyone to comment on the three questions to each secular and spiritual issue of the day. The time era is the 16th century (1500-1599). Enter comments at www.bethlehemchurch.com/luther

Face the Nation

1. Peasants Revolt (1522-25)

Should Martin Luther take a position against the Peasants Revolt or accept the Revolt as part of God's plan in history?

Is Martin Luther or Thomas Muntzer responsible for the Peasants Revolt?

2. Constantinople Earthquake (1509)

Did this devastating earthquake in a large urban city have any lasting impact on Turkey, Europe, or Islam?

3. Sack of Rome (1527)

Was the Sack of Rome in 1527 by the troops of Emperor Charles V a sign of his strength or weakness?

How did the dramatic change in the population of Rome from approximately 50,000 to 15,000 in 1527 impact the people and the Roman Catholic church?

Did the Sack of Rome in 1527 limit the power of the Pope in preventing the Act of Supremacy by King Henry VIII in 1534?

4. Edict of Nantes (1598)

Was the Edict of Nantes the best example of a compromise in uniting France or an example of weak political leadership?

Why was religious toleration in France difficult to achieve?

Facing God

1. The Ninety-five Theses

Do the major religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam) need a "reformation" in the 21st century?

Are people in the 21st century losing interest in religion or have religious institutions lost interest in the people?

2. Authority of the Pope

Do religious leaders have secular authority and do secular rulers have spiritual authority?

3. Good Works

Are good works motivated by faith in God or are non-religious people capable of doing good works?

How do you define a good work or a good deed?

Are good works necessary for salvation or are they a sign that someone has faith in God?

4. The Lord's Supper

Is The Lord's Supper a commemoration of the last meal Jesus had with his disciples or is it a sacrament that forgives sins?

5. Word of God

To what extent is Christian humanism the most significant intellectual discovery of the Renaissance?

Is the scientific method superior to the acceptance of truth in the teachings of the Holy Bible?