

Comparing the Faiths of the Reformation

	Catholic	Lutheran	Anglican	Calvin
How is Salvation Achieved?	Salvation is achieved through faith and good works.	Salvation is achieved through faith alone.	Faith and good works	God alone predetermines who will be saved.
Head of the Church (Leadership)	Pope	Elected councils	King and religious hierarchy	Council of elders
Importance of the Bible	The Bible is one source of truth; Church tradition is another.	The Bible alone is the source of truth.	Bible is the sole source of revealed truth	The Bible alone is the source of truth.
Interpretation of Beliefs	Priests only can interpret scripture and church teachings	Ministers and priesthood of all believers	Married Priests Believers interpret the Bible using tradition and reason	Ministers, elders, deacons, congregants
Worship Service	Worship service based on ritual	Worship service based on preaching and ritual	Worship service based on ritual and preaching	Worship service focused on preaching

Chart Questions:

- Who was the head of the Lutheran church?
 - Elected Councils
- Why was this an important difference from the organization of the Catholic Church?
 - No strict hierarchy
 - People have a role in the church

Luther Challenges the Seven Sacraments

Sacraments - a visible sign of inward grace, especially one of the solemn Christian rites considered to have been instituted by Jesus Christ to symbolize or confer grace.

❖ The Seven Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church

1. Baptism
2. Confirmation
3. Eucharist (Communion)
4. Matrimony
5. Penance
6. Extreme unction, last rites, or anointing of the sick
7. Holy orders

❖ According to Martin Luther, baptism and communion were the only sacraments.

➤ Luther also challenged the Roman Catholic doctrine of the Eucharist (communion).

■ Roman Catholic View

● *Transubstantiation*

- ◆ The belief that while the bread and wine of the Mass maintain their appearance, they are transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

■ Luther's Interpretation

● *Consubstantiation*

- ◆ The doctrine that the transformation of the bread and wine was not literal but that God was actually present in more than a symbolic way.

■ Other Views on the Eucharist Emerge

● Huldrych Zwingli & Anabaptists

◆ *Memorial*

- The Eucharist is a memorial and not a sacrifice. God's presence during communion is only symbolic.

● John Calvin

- ◆ Similar to Zwingli, Calvin viewed communion just as a symbol and not a divine action.