**Church History Outline 21: The Reformation Begins**

I. The pressure of reform that had built throughout the Middle Ages exploded during the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. According to Ernst Troeltsch, four questions were at the center of the Reformation.

1. How is a person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

2. Where does religious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lie?

3. What is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

4. What is the essence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

B. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_may be defined as someone who answers these questions differently than the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does.

C. The Reformation began in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through the actions of a German monk named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

II. Luther’s life to 1517

A. Luther was born in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. He became a monk in fulfillment of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ he made during a frightening \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

C. Burdened by overwhelming feelings of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for his sins, Luther sought freedom through monastic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. “I kept the rule so strictly that I may say that ever a monk got into heaven by sheer monkery, it was I.”

2. When someone once advised Luther to love God, Luther shouted back, “I do not love God! I hate Him!”

D. Luther experienced a revelation in 1515 while studying Romans 1:17, “The just shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

1. He realized that freedom from guilt was found through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. He saw that this was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the church’s teachings.

III. Luther’s views brought him into open conflict with the church on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. On that date, Luther nailed his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, where he was a university teacher.

1. Luther was deeply disturbed by a monk named Tetzel, who was traveling through Germany selling \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; the 95 theses were items for debate on this subject.

a. The church claimed that Jesus’ death for us on the cross and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had built up a “treasury of merits”—a sort of heavenly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

b. By doing a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, someone could supposedly draw on this grace to obtain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin.

c. The buyer of an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ could supposedly thereby reduce his time spent in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or free an already dead loved one from purgatory. “As soon as the coin in the coffer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the soul from purgatory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

2. As Luther argued against indulgences, he began promoting the concept of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He said that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or any of its officials, has the place of highest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. In 1520, Luther was formally declared a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.