

7.54 List and explain the significance of the causes for the internal turmoil within and eventual weakening of the Catholic Church including tax policies, selling of indulgences, and England's break with the Catholic Church

Wealth and the Catholic Church

- People had to pay for church activities like baptisms, marriages, burials
- People were expected to pay a tithe (tax) of 10% of their income
- Church raised money by selling relics (bones of saints), selling indulgences (salvation to heaven), and pilgrimages

Protestant Reformation

- Before Reformation, all Christians in Western Europe were Roman Catholic
- Reformation was an attempt to change the Catholic Church
- People wanted to get rid of the corruption and restore people's faith in the Church
- In the end, reformers established their own religions
- Caused a split in Christianity with the formation of new Protestant religions