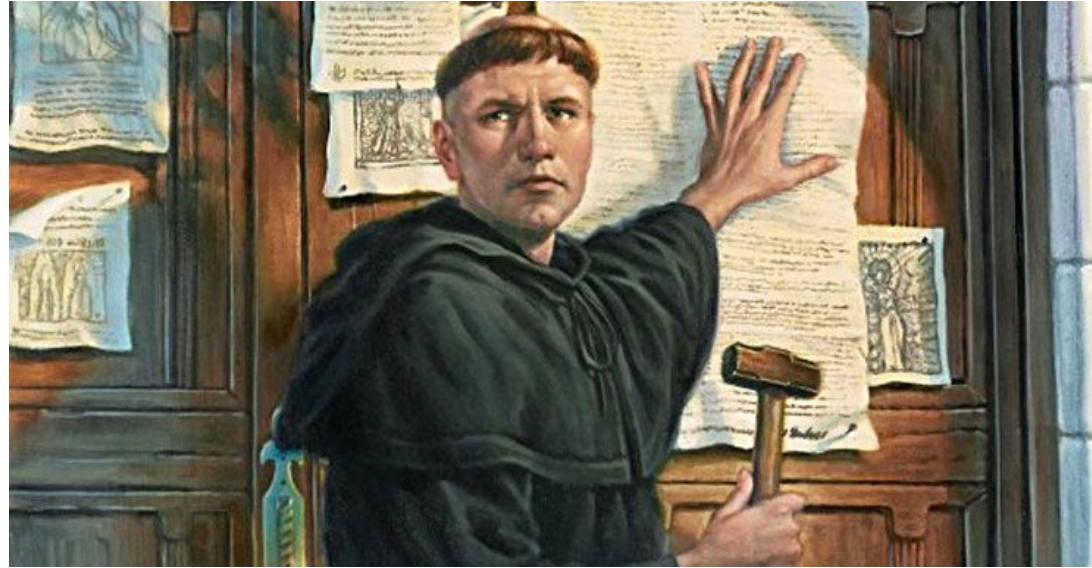


7.55 Outline the reasons for the growing discontent with the Catholic Church, including the main ideas of Martin Luther (salvation by faith), John Calvin (predestination), Desiderius Erasmus (free will), and William Tyndale (translating the Bible into English), and their attempts to reconcile what they viewed as God's word with Church action

Martin Luther

- Responsible for Lutheranism
- Major beliefs:
 - Salvation by faith alone
 - Bible as ultimate authority
 - All humans equal before God



John Calvin

- Responsible for Calvinism
- Beliefs:
 - Predestination
 - Faith revealed through a religious life
 - Belief in strong work ethic
 - Individual control of personal behavior
- Spread his ideas from Switzerland to France and north to England and Scotland



Desiderius Erasmus

- Wrote against Church's abuse of power
- Criticized church excess
- Beliefs:
 - Wanted lay people (regular people) to have access to the Scriptures so they could make their own decisions
 - Free will



William Tyndale

- Influenced by Erasmus and Luther
- Made English translation of the Bible based on original Hebrew and Greek texts
- Translation was first English Bible mass produced by printing press
- Considered a threat to the Church and laws of England



