

# John Knox

*Renegade, revolutionary, Braveheart*

*SOLUS CHRISTUS*

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## I. Scotland was in Catholicism's grip, but a new wind was blowing from the uplands.

- A. In the 1530s Scotland was dominated by unbiblical traditions, poorly trained priests and biblical illiteracy.
- B. In 1548, the King of Scotland died, leaving in charge a regent, the always unpredictable Earl of Aarran.

## II. In the mid-1500s a bravehearted revolutionary cast a huge shadow over Scotland: John Knox.

- A. Knox was influenced toward reform by great preaching and his own passion for a spiritually free and alive Scotland.
- B. Through tragedy and betrayal, Knox took his first protestant pulpit as pastor of the besieged castle in St. Andrews.
- C. Finally Knox became a powerful voice from the pulpit of Scotland's foremost church, St. Giles in Edinburgh.

## III. John Knox: *Solus Christus*

*"Christ alone" means ...*

- A. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice for the sins of man.

*For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5:7*

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ... Ephesians 1:7*

- B. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ between God and man.

*For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus ... 1 Timothy 2:5-6*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6*

- C. Jesus is the only \_\_\_\_\_ for saving faith.

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9*

*For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13*

*Jesus is:*

- all that is necessary for salvation
- the only true way to God
- the exclusive mediator between man and God
- the answer to every spiritual need

*The Reformation matters today*

*IT REMINDS US THAT:*

The church that stands on the Gospel and \_\_\_\_\_ preaching really can change the world.

Christians should be bravehearted spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ caring about their nation's soul.

It's not our faith that saves us, but the object of our faith—Jesus, our \_\_\_\_\_.

1514	1517	1522	1536	1543	1545	1547	1554	1555	1560	1563	1564	1566	1572
John Knox born in Haddington, Scotland	Luther posts 95 Theses	Zwingli consumes sausage during Lent	Calvin arrives writes first edition of <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i>	Knox converts to Protestantism	Knox becomes associate and bodyguard of George Wishart	Knox imprisoned in French galleys ship	Knox flees to France, then Zurich and Geneva	Knox marries Marjorie Bowes	Marjorie Bowes Knox dies	Foxe writes <i>Book of Martyrs</i>	Council of Trent concludes; Knox marries Elizabeth Stewart	Knox writes <i>History of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland</i>	Knox dies in Edinburgh

## REFLECTING ON THE REFORMATION

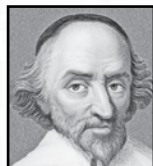
What was intriguing to you about John Knox and the Reformation in Scotland? How would you describe Knox's personality, and how did God use it for His purposes during that period in history?

How do you see God using the gifts and personality He gave you in His work? List some ways you rejoice in how He made you and is using you.

*Universalism* claims that every human soul will ultimately find reconciliation with God, regardless of their path and their view of Jesus. What underlies a person's wish that everyone be in heaven, and what is the subtle danger of such a view?

Explain how the doctrine of *solus Christus* demolishes the idea of universalism. When did you come to understand the truth that Jesus is the only way to God? On what Scriptures do you rely for your confidence?

Preaching of Knox Before the Lords of the Congregation (in the Parish Church of St. Andrew's, 10th June, 1559)  
by David Wilkie



John Knox



Statue of John Knox in Haddington, Scotland



Years after his first wife died, Knox (50) married Margaret Stewart (17)—a distant relative of Mary Queen of Scots, his chief antagonist.

*The First Book of Discipline*, an outline of government for the Reformed Scottish church co-authored by Knox, proposed that every Scottish child receive elementary and high school education, an idea centuries ahead of its time.

When a Protestant leader first exhorted Knox to take up preaching, Knox was frightened and wept openly.

In his sermons Knox typically spent half an hour calmly exegeting a biblical passage. Then as he applied the text to the Scottish situation he would become "active and vigorous" and violently pound the pulpit. Said one, "He made me so to grow [quake] and tremble, that I could not hold pen to write."

A would-be assassin once fired a shot through a window where Knox usually sat with his back to the street. The bullet passed through the chair and hit a chandelier but not Knox, who on this occasion had chosen to sit in another chair.

### THE WORDS OF JOHN KNOX

"Prayer is an earnest and familiar talking with God."

"The man who stands with God is always in the majority."

"I have never once feared the devil, but I tremble every time I enter the pulpit."

"Live in Christ, die in Christ, and the flesh need not fear death."

"Let no day slip over without some comfort received of the Word of God."

"The Scriptures of God are my only foundation and substance in all matters of weight and importance."

"Let the faithful not be discouraged, although they be appointed as sheep to the slaughter-house. For he, for whose sake they suffer, shall not forget to avenge their cause."

"But be of good courage, O little and despised flock of Christ Jesus! For he that seeth your grief hath power to revenge it. He will not suffer one tear of yours to fall, but it shall be kept and reserved in his bottle till the fullness thereof be poured down from heaven upon those that caused you to weep and mourn."

*Mary, Queen of Scots, is reputed to have said, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe."*

*John Knox to his weeping wife as he lay dying: "Read to me where I first cast my anchor" [referring to John chapter 17].*

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JUMP INTO "ROOTS."** We're just halfway through our fall series which means this week is a great time to start studying the amazing truths of "Roots" with friends. The DVD features conversations with Pastor Ted and Christ Chapelites, and study books include questions and Scripture to connect the truths of the Reformation to daily life. Pick up both in the Great Room or Atrium — or find it all at [www.ccbcfamily.org/roots](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/roots).

**YOUNG COUPLES, AVENUE IS BACK TODAY!** Meet us in The Den at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and a new series on major lies that many couples believe about their relationship. You'll find a welcoming community, genuine stories and great teaching. Whether you're married, engaged or almost there, come join us. Questions? Email Lindsey at [LindseyS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:LindseyS@christchapelbc.org).

**THERE'S ANOTHER "ROOTS" LUNCH AND LEARN TODAY.** The Hannahs are back to teach us about reformer John Knox, his family and the struggles they faced in Scotland as they fought for the gospel. Join us in the Oak Room at 12:30 p.m. The final Lunch and Learn is next Sunday, Oct. 22. RSVP for Next Generation Kids Care through age 11 by this Wednesday, Oct. 18 at [www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP).

**THE BOOKSTORE HAS EXTRA REFORMATION READS.** If you'd like to pick up something on today's Reformation topic, the supremacy of Christ, stop by the shop on the first floor of the Link Building.

**PARENTS, BREAKAWAY IS THIS FRIDAY, OCT. 20.** Breakaway is a fun monthly event open to families of children and young adults with special needs (as well as their siblings up to age 12). Our team spends time with our special needs friends while parents get a few hours for themselves. RSVP to Emma at [EmmaW@christchapelbc.org](mailto:EmmaW@christchapelbc.org) by this Wednesday, Oct. 18.

**YOUNG ADULTS, RENOVATE POTLUCK IS THIS FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M.** Come bond over something we all love—delicious food! Expect impromptu dance parties and a great time. Bring a friend and something to share. For location details, email Carly at [CarlyM@christchapelbc.org](mailto:CarlyM@christchapelbc.org).

**OASIS IS THIS FRIDAY, OCT. 20.** Being a single mom comes with plenty of challenges which is why we get together for monthly girls' nights. Join us this Friday at 7 p.m. in The Den by sending an RSVP to Kristin at [KristinH@christchapelbc.org](mailto:KristinH@christchapelbc.org). If you have younger kids, RSVP for Next Generation Kids Care (available for infants through age 11) at [www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP) by this Wednesday, Oct. 18.

**ADULT BAPTISM CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 22.** Baptism is an important step in your relationship with Christ, and we want to help you learn about and take that step! If you're interested, sign up for the class at [www.ccbcfamily.org/baptism](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/baptism). We'll meet next Sunday at 6:15 p.m. in the Soul Care Conference Room.

- core doctrines of the Reformation
  - history surrounding this paradigm-shifting event
- larger-than-life reformation figures
  - a personal Spiritual Growth Assessment tool