

How did the church go astray? The church had moved away from the revelation of God, the Word, that is embodied by Christ, and that is recorded in Scripture.

In the Leipzig Debate (1519), Luther declared that Scripture alone was the basis of Christian belief.

What caused the reformation? Many historians would say it was the actions of Luther. However, the real cause of the reformation was the corrective power that came from the persistent sharing of the Word of God.

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, declared himself to be a "homo unius libri" - man of one book.

What do we learn from the study of the reformation?

1) Cultural Christianity, Christianity apart from the living with Scripture, will move away from God's purposes.

2) Only through living with Scripture can we, through God's Spirit, discern what is sound doctrine.