

Martin Luther's primary question: "What must I do in order to be saved?"

The teaching of the church during the time of Luther was that God played a part in salvation and that humans played a part in salvation.

Council of Trent (1540) - "Faith, unless hope and charity be added to it, neither unites man perfectly with Christ nor makes him a living member of His body."

As Luther studied Scripture, especially Romans, he began to reject the church's insistence on good works in salvation.

John Wesley's search for the answer to the question "What must I do in order to be saved?" mirrored that of Luther.

What Luther and Wesley finally affirmed about salvation: It is not what we do but rather what Christ has already done. It is not about faith in

our own works but rather about faith in Christ  
work on the cross.