

MARTIN LUTHER
1483–1546



Fastest-selling Playmobil figure

According to the toy manufacturer, a figure of 16th-century Protestant reformer Martin Luther sold out all 34,000 units within 72 hr of its release in Feb 2015. Luther founded the Protestant Church in Germany, where 95% of the sales occurred. The toy was issued ahead of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017.

The largest private



The Sistine Chapel

Luther's 95 Theses: No. 1

‘When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said “Repent,” he intended that the entire life of believers should be repentance.’



A
traditional
rood screen

**‘Elevation squints’ carved into the lower
panels of a rood screen**



Gabriel Biel (c.1420-95)



‘Thus God has established the rule that whoever turns to him and does what he can will receive forgiveness of sins from God. God infuses assisting grace into such a man, who is thus taken back into friendship.’

Martin Luther

Though I lived as a monk without reproach,
I felt that I was a sinner before God with
an extremely disturbed conscience. I could
not believe that he was placated by my
satisfaction. I did not love, yes, I hated the
righteous God who punishes sinners...

How the
'doom
painting' at
Wenhaston
would look if
still in place
today



Christ the Judge seated upon a rainbow

St. Michael weighing souls in the scales (see next slide for detail)

The righteous entering heaven

The wicked being devoured by the mouth of hell



**Detail of St
Michael and the
devil weighing
souls in the
balance against
their sins**



The 'doom painting' at Cowlinge

The virgin Mary reaches across the arch with a wand to tip the scales in the favour of the sinner

St Michael with the scales



Psalm 130, set by Martin Luther

Out of the depths I cry to you;

O Lord God, hear me calling.

Incline your ear to my distress

In spite of my rebelling.

Do not regard my sinful deeds.

Send me the grace my spirit needs;

Without it I am nothing.

**2. All things you send are full of grace;
You crown our lives with favour.
All our good works are done in vain
Without our Lord and Saviour.
We praise you for the gift of faith;
You save us from the grip of death;
Our lives are in your keeping.**

**3. In you alone, O God, we hope,
And not in our own merit.
We rest our fears in your good word;
Uphold our fainting spirit.
Your promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my strong support;
I wait for it with patience.**

**4. My soul is waiting for you, Lord,
As one who longs for morning;
No watcher waits with greater hope
Than I for your returning.
I hope as Israel in the Lord,
Who sends redemption through the Word.
Praise God for grace and mercy!**

Romans 1 v 16-17 (NIV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Luther, 'The Freedom of the Christian'

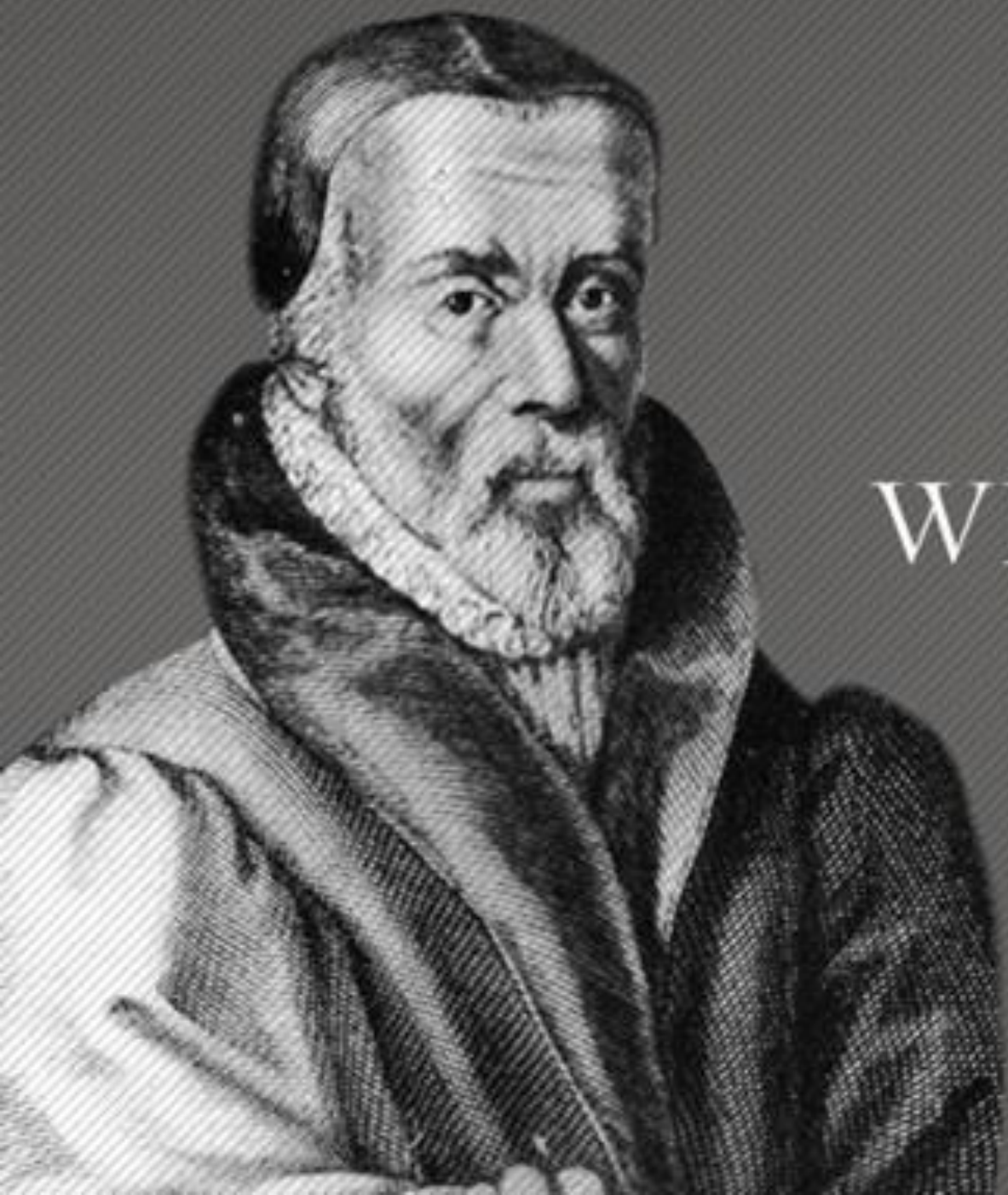
Christ, that rich and pious Husband, takes as a wife a needy and impious harlot, redeeming her from all her evils and supplying her with all His good things. It is impossible now that her sins should destroy her, since they have been laid upon Christ and swallowed up in Him, and since she has in her Husband Christ a righteousness which she may claim as her own, and which she can set up with confidence against all her sins, against death and hell, saying, "If I have sinned, my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned; all mine is His, and all His is mine"...

The rood screen at Binham Priory



Martin Luther, 1521

I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. I cannot do otherwise. Amen.



WILLIAM TYNDALE

1494-1536



1517
the LEGACY
PROJECT

I MUST LISTEN
TO THE GOSPEL.
IT TELLS ME,
NOT WHAT I MUST DO,
BUT WHAT
JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD,
HAS DONE FOR ME.

— MARTIN LUTHER, COMMENTARY ON GALATIANS

Our God stands like a fortress rock
with walls that will not fail us;
he helps us brace against the shock
of fears which now assail us.

The enemy of old
in wickedness is bold;
this seems his victory hour,
he fears no earthly power
and arms himself with cunning.

**2. We win no battles through our might,
we fall at once, dejected;
the righteous one will lead the fight,
by God himself directed.**

**You ask, 'Who can this be?'
Christ Jesus, it is he,
eternal King and Lord,
God's true and living Word,
no one can stand against him.**

**3. And though the world seems full of ill,
with hungry demons prowling,
Christ's victory is with us still,
we need not fear their howling.
The tyrants of this age
strut briefly on the stage:
their sentence has been passed.
We stand unharmed at last,
a word from God destroys them.**

4. God's word and plan, which they pretend is subject to their pleasure, will bind their wills to serve God's end, which we, who love him, treasure. Then let them take our lives, goods, children, husbands, wives, and carry all away; theirs is a short-lived day, ours is the lasting kingdom.

Martin Luther

