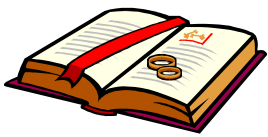


Martin Luther



In 1505 Luther was returning from visiting his family during a storm. He was frightened and cried out "**St Anna Help me and I will become a monk**" Luther became a monk and taught in a university.



He wanted to get into heaven and did many good works but still felt wicked. One day he read in the bible that "**The good man is saved by faith**" This comforted him all he had to do to get into heaven was to have belief in Jesus Christ. His idea is known as salvation through faith alone.

Pope Leo was trying to build a cathedral in Rome and he needed more money. He announced an indulgence that anyone who gave money to help build it would find it easier to get into heaven.



Luther was outraged He nailed a list of arguments against this called the **95 theses** to the door of the college. They were translated into German and distributed all over Germany.

The pope wrote a **Papal bull** or letter and gave him 60 days to take back what he had written or he would be called a heretic. Luther publicly burned the letter.

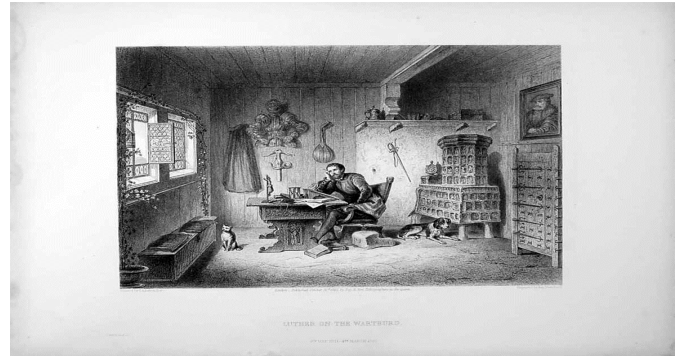


Charles V called all the princes of the empire to a **diet** or meeting, which was held in the city of



Worms in 1521. He called Luther to explain his ideas and was given the opportunity to take back anything he had written or said. Luther said he wouldn't. On the following day the emperor Charles V called him a **heretic**.

But he was to be kept safely for a year in the Castle of **Fredrick the Wise** while he translated the Bible into German.



Luther thought that the bible **and mass should be in the language of the people** and there should be **two sacraments**. A war followed and eventually each prince was allowed pick the religion of their people.