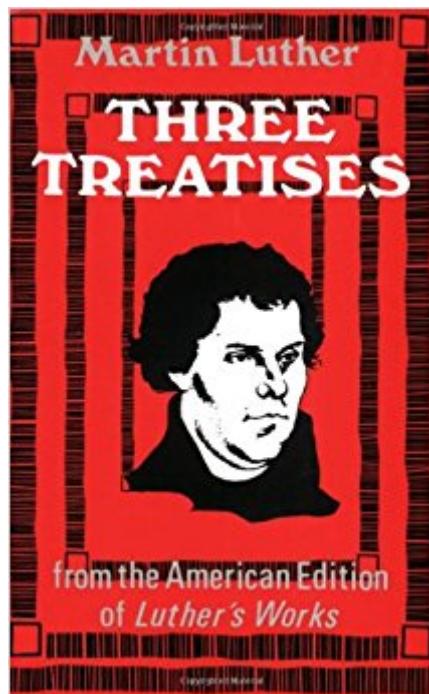


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# Three Treatises



## **Synopsis**

Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses on the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. In the three years that followed, Luther clarified and defended his position in numerous writings. Chief among these are the three treatises written in 1520. In these writings Luther tried to frame his ideas in terms that would be comprehensible not only to the clergy but to people from a wide range of backgrounds. *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation* is an attack on the corruption of the church and the abuses of its authority, bringing to light many of the underlying reasons for the Reformation. The second treatise, *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, contains Luther's sharp criticism of the sacramental system of the Catholic church. *The Freedom of a Christian* gives a concise presentation of Luther's position on the doctrine of justification by faith. The translations of these treatises are all taken from the American edition of Luther's Works. This new edition of Three Treatises will continue to be a popular resource for individual study, church school classes, and college and seminary courses.

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Martin Luther (1483, 1546) was a German monk, a theologian and church reformer, he is considered to be the founder of Protestantism. Luther was a professor of Bible at the University of Wittenberg when he posted his famous 95 Theses (1517). In addition to writing many books, Luther translated the Bible into German. Luther believed that salvation was only by faith in Jesus, unmediated by the church. He challenged papal authority by emphasizing the Bible as the only

source of religious authority and believed the church to be a priesthood of all believers. These ideas helped to inspire the Protestant Reformation and changed the course of Western civilization. He married Katharina von Bora thus initiating the practice of clerical marriage within Protestantism.- Publisher.

Just when you think you know Dr Martin Luther, you pick up this book and his Treaties on Good Works and find he is not the Luther you heard about Luther is perhaps the most succinct, and blunt writer since Paul. Modern writers should take a page from Luther, and learn to cut to the chase! I was said of one "Theologian" and his writing " he has the habit of squeezing 200 pages of material into 500 pages". Enough to say you will not find Luther shoveling the coal in this book, an excellent read, and proper application

This was required reading for one of my master's classes in history. The book design is simple but sufficient. It provides background on each of the three Luther treatises before presenting them in Luther's original words. It is great for those researching Luther or anyone who just likes to read his works.

These treatises are LIFE CHANGING, but my complaint is about the physical condition of this particular paperback edition. It seemed like the book had some kind of terrible stale crusty binding. Opening the book all the way causes it to crack. Some sections are now loose and fall out if I am not careful. Cheap and disappointing.

This includes the three great treatises of 1520. All Christians should at least be aware of these works. They encompass the very heart of Luther. The first two are rather polemic and must be read with an understanding of the 16th century political realities. The third essay is on Christian Freedom and is a jewel of Christian thought..

Once we cleaned the stickers off the front and back covers, the book exceeded our expectations. Thanks R&R

This is a complete, if characteristically wordy, work by Martin Luther.

I am guessing this is good. Gave it as a gift to a Lutheran minister. All of the seminary students had

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A great book for all Lutherans and also for all Christians who enjoy history!

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