

What do Lutherans Believe?



Martin Luther

As Lutherans we believe in the teachings of Martin Luther, 16th century monk, who wrote the *Nintey-Five Theses* in October, 1517. Luther believed and taught that salvation and subsequently eternity in heaven is not earned by good deeds, but is received only as a free gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ as the redeemer from sin and subsequently eternity in hell.

“This one and firm rock, which we call the doctrine of justification,” he wrote, “is the chief article of the whole Christian doctrine, which comprehends the understanding of all godliness”. Justification, in Christian theology is God's act of removing the guilt and penalty of sin while at the same time declaring a sinner righteous through Christ's atoning sacrifice.