

History and Survey of the Westminster Confession of Faith

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Part 1: History, Context, and Rationale
Class 08: The Early History of England and Scotland
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Class #2: Historical Overview of England and Scotland

I. Background History Between England and Scotland

2nd-5th c. Roman Occupation of Britannia

6th-8th c. Angles, Saxons Jutes come over from Germany

Christianity brought to England & Scotland by St. Augustine, Bede and Columba

1016 Vikings cross over from Scandinavia, attack, conquer and rule England

1066 William "the Conqueror" of Normandy crosses the channel and is victorious at Battle of Hastings

13th c Edward I "Longshanks" invades Wales and Scotland in an effort to unite the British Isles

He is opposed by William Wallace

Robert the Bruce is crowned 1st King of Scotland

His descendents establish the Stewart dynasty (James I-V, etc.)

16th c. Early reformer, Patrick Hamilton, burned at the stake

II. The Century Prior

- 1533 Henry VIII marries Anne Boleyn which results in the Pope's excommunication and Henry's decision to break ties with the Roman Catholic Church and set up a state church which will be called Anglicanism.
- 1546 Scottish Reformer, George Wishart, is burned at the stake.
- 1547-1553 Edward VI succeeds his father and Cranmer slowly begins the process of true reformation in England.
- 1553-1558 "Bloody" Mary I - repeals Protestant legislation and restores Papal supremacy in England.
- 1556 Mary condemns Thomas Cranmer to be burned at the stake for heresy.
- 1558-1603 Elizabeth I, being rejected by the Pope as illegitimate, embraces Protestantism
- 1559 John Knox returns from exile, much influenced by John Calvin, and promotes a Scottish Reformation.
- 1560 Scottish Parliament determines that Scotland is to be a Protestant nation. Knox publishes the Scots Confession and Book of Discipline.

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