

Erasmus remains for us an academic malcontent while Luther is the prime mover in a movement of reform and reconstitution.

### Luther and Zwingli

We have not yet studied Zwingli but I think we can intersperse these notes without ruining our progress. Zwingli headed a reformatory move in Switzerland about 1525...centered in Zurich. He was one year younger than Luther and arrived at his convictions with no opinion exchange from Lutherans! By 1525 he had led the canton at Zurich away from the mass and into a "reformed" circle. In overcoming the mass he spoke sharply against transubstantiation and went back to the historical ideas of the first centuries...the mere symbolism of the communion emblems. Eventually his ideas were repulsive to Luther on this point.

Philip of Hesse, Luther's strong supporter, felt that if all evangelicals could be united they could offer greater opposition in several lines to the imperial threat. He tried to get Luther and Zwingli together and eventually a meeting was held in Marburg in 1529. Luther and Zwingli discussed 15 articles of faith, we are told, and with the exception of the presence in communion they had little or no difference. But on communion Zwingli adhered to a mere symbolism while Luther adopted a view which we are likely to call "consubstantiation" (the term is not technically correct, however). Luther could not accept the Zwinglian distinction and they could not agree...hence they departed to disagree with each other and from this the Lutheran and Reformed views moved increasingly apart.

### Luther and Henry VIII

This is discussed due to the stature that Henry VIII has in the reform in England and the strength that he could have given the continent but did not. They were very different men in moral values but rather similar in personality. Both were decisive and vigorous...both capable of initiation, prosecution and conquest. Luther is a moralist, however, with biblically based values while Henry is a politician with self-based values.

Henry was under some of the influence of Erasmus and conditioned spiritually to some degree by