17-3 Notes

* The Reformation – the beginning of a movement in Christianity known as Protestantism.
* Selling of Indulgences – church officials sold “indulgences” to the common people to reduce their punishment for sins.
* John Wycliffe translated the Bible from Latin into English so that many people could read it for themselves.
* Martin Luther disagreed with the church’s ideas of being saved. He studied the Bible and concluded that only by Faith, not good works, brought salvation.
* Denomination – an organized branch of Christianity.
* One of the first denominations – Lutheranism – which has three main ideas: (1) faith in Jesus, not good works, brings salvation (2) the Bible is the final source for truth (3) the church is made up of all believers – not just clergy.
* John Calvin – studied theology (the study of questions about God) and founded the denomination of Calvinism.
* Calvinism – a religion whose main idea was that God’s will is absolute and He has decided who will go to heaven – this idea is called predestination.