

### EXCERPTS OF MARTIN LUTHER'S FROM HIS NINETY-FIVE THESES

6. "The Pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring and showing that it has been remitted by God."
18. "It does not seem proved, either by reason of Scripture, that souls in purgatory are outside the state of merit, that is, unable to grow in love."
19. "Nor does it seem proved that souls in purgatory, at least not all of them, are certain and assured of their own salvation."
27. "They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory."
32. "Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers."
45. "Christians are to be taught that he who sees a needy man and passes him by, yet gives his money for indulgences, does not buy papal indulgences but God's wrath."
54. "Injury is done the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or larger amount of time is devoted to indulgences than to the Word."
79. "To say that the cross emblazoned with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers, is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy."
82. "Questions of the laity such as: 'Why does not the Pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church? The former reason would be most just; the latter is most trivial.'"
94. "Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell."

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