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Reformation Day Celebration

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EXALTING OUR
PREMINENT
LORD AND
SAVIOR

Timeline of Knox and the Reformation

- 1512 First Reformation martyrdom in Paris
- 1514 (ca.) John Knox is born in Haddington
- 1516 Desiderius Erasmus publishes his Greek New Testament
- 1517 Martin Luther posts his Ninety-five Theses
- 1518 Ulrich Zwingli preaches in Zurich, sparks Swiss Reformation
- 1525 William Tyndale publishes English New Testament
- 1530 Lutheran Augsburg Confession is written
- 1534 Henry VIII decrees Act of Supremacy, break with Rome
- 1534 Ignatius Loyola founds Jesuit Order to renew Roman Catholic Church
- 1536 John Calvin publishes first edition of Institutes of the Christian Religion; Knox ends university studies, is ordained a priest
- 1540 Knox works as notary and private tutor



John Knox preaching at St. Andrews on 11th June, 1559.



Bas-relief of John Knox preaching at St. Giles in Edinburgh before the court of Mary Stuart.



John Knox

“O God, give me
Scotland or I die!”



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- 1543 Likely date of Knox's conversion to Christ
- 1545 Knox is supporter and bodyguard of George Wishart; Roman Catholic Council of Trent opens (concludes 1563)
- 1546 Wishart is martyred; David Cardinal Beaton is murdered in retaliation; Protestants storm St. Andrews Castle; queen regent puts castle under siege
- 1547 Knox joins Protestant Castilians and preaches first public sermon; castle falls to French; Knox begins nineteen months as French galley slave

PREACHING IN ENGLAND

- 1549 Knox is released and preaches before Edward VI; preaches in Berwick, England
- 1549 Thomas Cranmer's first *Book of Common Prayer* is published
- 1550 Mrs. Elizabeth Bowes and daughter Marjory are converted
- 1552 Knox disputes kneeling at Lord's Supper; declines bishopric of Rochester
- 1553 Edward VI dies; Catholic Mary Tudor ascends throne

REFUGEE IN EUROPE

- 1554 Knox flees to John Calvin's Geneva, pastors English congregation in Frankfurt
- 1555 Knox pastors English refugee congregation in Geneva, conducts commando preaching crusade in Scotland, marries Marjory Bowes
- 1556 Knox is condemned as a heretic in Scotland, returns to Geneva with wife and mother-in-law
- 1558 Knox writes *The First Blast of the Trumpet Against the Monstrous Regiment of Women*
- 1558 Mary Tudor dies; Elizabeth I becomes queen of England

REFORMATION YEARS IN SCOTLAND

- 1559 Knox returns to Scotland, preaches sermon condemning idolatry of Mass; revival and iconoclasm break out
- 1560 Reformation Parliament adopts Scots Confession; Knox's wife, Marjory, dies
- 1560 Knox helps write first *Book of Discipline*

- 1561 Mary, Queen of Scots returns to Scotland; Knox is minister at St. Giles Edinburgh, has first interview with Mary
- 1563 John Foxe's *Book of Martyrs* is published
- 1564 Knox marries Margaret Stewart
- 1566 Knox writes *History of the Reformation of Religion in Scotland*
- 1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in France
- 1572 Knox dies in Edinburgh, is buried near St. Giles High Kirk¹

¹Timeline from Appendix A in *The Mighty Weakness of John Knox* by Douglas Bond (Reformation Trust, 2011).

