## The Calvino Lectures Ulrich Zwingli

## **And the Swiss Reformation**

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- I. Zwingli the Man (1484 1531)
  - A. Three Important Early Influences
    - 1. Patriotism
    - 2. The Renaissance
      - a. University of Vienna
      - b. Thomas Wyttenbach
      - c. Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam Ad Fontes
      - d. Zwingli Cristum Ex Fontibus
    - 3. The Medieval Church
      - a. The Symptom The Abuses
      - b. The Foundational Cause A Corrupted Theology
  - B. Priesthood
    - 1. Glarus (1506-1516)
      - a. His own sinfulness
      - b. The need for Reform
      - c. The Scriptures
    - 2. Einsiedeln (1516-1518)
      - a. More study of the Greek New Testament
      - b. Preaching against indulgences
      - c. Offer of a Papal Chaplaincy
- II. Zwingli the Reformer
  - A. Zurich
  - B. Preaching
    - 1. Expository Preaching
    - 2. Only from the Scriptures
    - 3. "The common people heard him gladly"
  - C. Indulgences
    - 1. A method to purchase merit

- 2. Bernhardin Samson The Swiss Tetzel
- D. A Set-Back The Plague
- E. The Lent Controversy
- F. Priestly Marriage
- G. Characteristics of Reform
  - 1. Reform was gradual
  - 2. The secular power
- H. The Progress of Reform
  - 1. The Zurich Council 29 January 1523
  - 2. Zwingli's 67 Theses
  - 3. Zwingli vindicated Reformation hastened
  - 4. A 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering 26 October 1523 on the mass & images
  - 5. A 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering 20 January 1524
  - 6. 12 April 1525 the last mass in Zurich
  - 7. The Carolinum 1525
  - 8. Leo Jud
  - 9. The first Church Synod 1528

## III. Lessons from Zwingli for Today

- A. Zwingli and the Anabaptists
- B. The Conflict with Luther
- C. Zwingli's End The Cappel Disaster
- D. Further Lessons:
  - 1. The Importance of Preaching
  - 2. 'Tis a Gift to be Simple
  - 3. Controversy for Controversy's Sake
  - 4. The Regulative Principle
  - 5. The Importance of Patience
  - 6. Christian Charity