

## Quotes from Martin Luther

“I hated the expression ‘righteousness of God,’ for through the traditions and practice of all the doctors I had been taught to understand it philosophically, as the so-called ‘formal’ or to use another word, ‘active’ righteousness through which God is just and punishes sinners and the unjust. But I could not love the righteous god, the God who punishes. I hated him....

I was very displeased with god, if not in secret blasphemy, then certainly with mighty grumbling, and said: should it not be enough for miserable sinners eternally damned by original sin to be oppressed by all sorts of calamity through the law of the Ten Commandments? Must god add suffering to suffering even through the Gospel and also threaten us with His righteousness and His wrath through the Gospel too?

...I pondered incessantly, day and night, until I gave heed to the context of the words, namely: “For [in the Gospel] is the righteousness of god revealed, as it is written: ‘The just shall live by faith’ Then I began to understand the righteousness of God as a righteousness by which a just man lives as by a gift of God, that means by faith. I realized that it was too be understood this way: the righteousness of God is revealed through the Gospel, namely the so called ‘passive’ righteousness we receive, through which God justifies us by faith through grace and mercy.... Now I felt as if I had been born again: the gates had been opened and I had entered Paradise itself.”

“I have no better remedy than anger. If I want to write, pray, preach well, then I must be angry. Then my entire blood supply refreshes me. My mind is made keen. And all temptations depart.” –Luther

“With the wolves you cannot be too severe; with the weak sheep you cannot be too gentle.” -Luther

### Important Dates

1483	Luther born in Eisleben (November 10)
1505	Caught in a thunderstorm, pledges to become a monk (July 2)
1514-15	Lectures on the Psalms
1515-16	Lectures on Romans
1516-17	Lectures on Galatians
1517	Posts <i>95 Theses</i> on the castle church door(October 31)
1518	Inquisition on Luther begins in Rome
1520	Papal bull <i>Exsurge Domine</i> issued (June 15), Second bull received (October 10)
1520	Luther burns bull and canon law with students (December 10)
1521	Luther Invited to Worms (March 6)
1521	Arrives at Diet of Worms (April 16)

### Literature on Luther

Here I Stand, Roland Bainton

Martin Luther, Stephen J. Nichols

Legacy of Sovereign Joy, John Piper

### Luthers Writings

Commentary on Galatians

Bondage of the Will

Intro to New Testament