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SESSION 2: Zwingli and the Radicals

I. INTRODUCTION

II. HULDRYCH ZWINGLI: THE MAN

- A. 1484 – Born in Wildhaus, Switzerland

 - B. 1494 – Started study at University of Vienna

 - C. 1506-1516 – Catholic priest in Glarus, Switzerland

 - D. 1518 – Appointed People’s Priest at Great Minster

 - E. **1519 - “A Change in Zurich”**
 - 1. Preaching: Started preaching expositional through the New Testament
 - 2. Plague: one-fourth of his congregation lost to the plague

 - F. 1522 – The Lenten Fast & Christian Liberties
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G. 1523 - Zurich's Disputation: 67-Theses

1. Zwingli "affirmed salvation by grace alone, insisted upon the full and final authority of Scripture, and rejected the pope, the mass, good works for salvation, the intercession of the saints, monastic orders, celibate clergy, penance, and purgatory. Zwingli's proposals meant nothing less than the dismantling of medieval ecclesiology."¹

H. 1529 – The Marburg Colloquy

I. 1531 – Zwingli's death

III. HIS THEOLOGY AND CRITIQUE

"The centrality of biblical instruction was the basis to Zwingli's conception of reform: all of life, personal and communal, is to be normed by Scripture."²

A. Sovereignty

B. Primacy Scripture

1. Exegetical Preaching
2. Prophecy

C. The Lord's Supper³

1. *A memorial to Christ's once-for-all sacrifice.*

¹ Carter Lindberg, *The European Reformations*, 170.

² *Ibid.*, 166.

³ Bruce Ware, *The Lord's Supper: Remembering and Proclaiming Christ until He Comes*, 229-47.

2. *A picture of Christ's body broken and blood shed at the cross.*

“Divine love triumphed over divine wrath by divine self-sacrifice. The cross was an act simultaneously of punishment and amnesty, severity and grace, justice and mercy.”⁴

3. *A signpost to stir faith in the believer.*

4. *A meal received by faith in what Christ has accomplished by the Cross.*

5. *As Christ being spiritually (not literally) present through the meal.*

6. *As communion with Christ and those who partake in faith, the Church.*

D. Baptism, a Covenantal Understanding

E. Church and State

IV. CONCLUSION OF ZWINGLI

A. *Reverence* for the Word of God

B. *Thankfulness* for theology of the Lord's Supper

V. THE ANABAPTISTS

⁴ John R. W. Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, 159.

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