

Roman Catholic Church
(Pope = infallible head)

→ **Reformation (1500s)**
(Germany/Luther) (England/King)

Purely religious reasons, believed RC church was corrupt; started the Protestant church movement with Lutheranism.

Personal reasons; wanted to divorce wife; made himself head of new church: Church of England, aka Anglican

Some in England saw this as a God-given opportunity to *really* reform the Church by removing ALL vestiges of Roman Catholicism and return to a purely Bible-based faith. The Puritans wanted to purify the Anglican Church by getting rid of all RC “stuff.” Their religious beliefs were based on the teachings of European fundamentalist John Calvin (**Calvinism**).

The **Separatists (Pilgrims)** gave up on trying to purify the church and broke away completely, left England for Holland and then America.

Most **Calvinists** stayed in England, but many migrated to the New World a generation after the Pilgrims, around 1630. These later migrants were the **Puritans**.

