

Catholic versus Protestant.

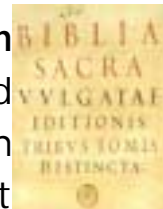


In 1500, most people in England followed the **Roman Catholic** religion. Following from the ideas of men like **Martin Luther**, a new religion began, called **Protestantism**.

This sheet shows you some of the differences between Protestant beliefs and Catholic beliefs. Read the sheet carefully and complete the tasks.

The Bible and church services.

Both the Bible and church services had been in **Latin** for a thousand years. The Catholics liked this and wanted to keep it his way. The Protestants said both the Bible and the services should be in English so that people could understand them.



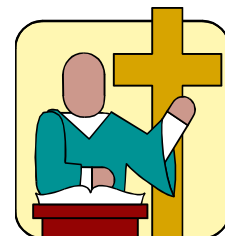
The appearance of churches.



Catholics thought that churches should be decorated with paintings and statues, to show God's glory. Protestants thought they should be plain, so that people concentrated on the minister and what he said about God.

The role of priests.

Catholics said that people needed the priest as a link between them and God. Protestants thought people could find God without a priest.



Forgiveness of sins.

Catholics said that the Pope and his bishops could forgive sins in exchange for a gift to the Church. Protestants said that only Jesus could forgive sins.

Appearance and lifestyle of priests.



Catholics said priests should wear special clothes because of their special link with God. Priests had to remain unmarried and devote their lives to God. Protestants said ministers were just ordinary people. They should wear ordinary robes and get married if they wanted to.

Task One.

Copy this table into your book, taking up a whole page so that you have lots of space. Then complete the table using the information on this sheet.

	<u>Catholic opinion.</u>	<u>Protestant opinion.</u>
Bible and services.	Both should be in Latin.	
Appearance of churches		They should be plain and simple.
Role of priests.		People do not need priests to help them find God.
Sins	The Pope could forgive sins- for a price.	
Lifestyle of priests.		Ministers could wear normal clothes and get married.

Task Two.

Answer these questions:

- 1 Do you think that both of these religions could exist together in one country? Explain.
- 2 Which of these religions sounds best to you and why?