The Church Faces Challenges

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 15 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 15****.*

Church history reveals many human decisions. Some turned out well; others did not. The Church is both human and divine, and we trust the Holy Spirit to lead us.

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In 1378, Catherine of Siena persuaded the pope to move from France back to Rome. Then two men claimed to be pope, one in France and the other in Rome. This internal division is known as the Great Western Schism.

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Today, Vatican City is an independent sovereign nation. No one country can claim authority over the papacy.

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The epidemic called the *Black Death* led people to reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus and the sorrows of Mary.

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Through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Jesus reaches out to those who are seriously ill. Using the oil of the sick, a priest may anoint the sick person on the forehead and the palms of the hands.

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An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sins that have been forgiven. Some church leaders sold indulgences in order to gain riches.

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Some of Martin Luther's ideas departed from the those of Church. Followers of Luther formed the Lutheran Church. Its creed, the Augsburg Confession, was written in 1531.

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The appearance of these separate Christian communities following Luther's break from the Church is known as the *Protestant Reformation.*

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An *annulment* is a church declaration that a marriage is invalid. When the pope refused to annul the marriage of King Henry VIII, Henry formed the Church of England, or the Anglican Church. In the United States, this is the Episcopal Church.

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In 1999, the Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation agreed that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus and, as a result, are called to do good works.

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