

this mean, Martin? You act as if you were going to die. He said, Yes Martin Luther is going to die! He said, I am going to die to the world. Tomorrow I'm going to enter the Augustinian monastery. So next day Luther entered the Augustinian monastery. The best thing he could think of at that time to try to find some deliverance from his sin. There in the monastery, these monks, most of whom had little education, demeaned this young man of education who had entered and gave him the most menial tasks to do, which he took upon himself cheerfully. They would give him a bag to take around and go around to the towns carrying this bag of ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ coarse cloth, going to the back doors of the houses where he had formerly been a welcomed guest at the front door, in order to take alms for the monastery.

Martin Luther accepted everything very cheerfully, but he would write on the == but he would lie on the floor in his little cell hour after hour praying that God would deliver him from his sins. Some of the monks thought this very silly and made fun of it. But Martin felt this was serious business. How can I get relief from the burden of my sin? And he went on day after day getting little sleep, eating little, trying to find some way to get relief from the burden of his sin. Then a man named Staupitz came to the monastery, a man who was head over a large group of monasteries, and he was head of the Augustinian order in Germany, with about 70 monasteries under his direction. They told Staupitz about this peculiar fellow this fellow who had an education but who did not enter into the pleasures of the others, but lay in his cell and lamented his sin.

Staupitz went to him, and said, Brother Martin, Do you believe the Apostles' creed? Martin said certainly, I believe everything the church teaches. Certainly I believe the Apostle's Creed. Well, he said, Brother Martin, Do you believe the words of the Apostles' creed: I believe in the forgiveness of sins"? Luther said, Yes, of course. Well, he said, If you believe in the forgiveness of sins, Jesus Christ died on the cross to bear the burden of your sins, why don't you look to Him and receive forgiveness of them? Martin said, Is it as simple as that? Staupitz said, It is! He said, Find relief from your sins through Jesus Christ. We believe in the forgiveness of sins. M. Luther found relief from his sins.

Soon Luther began to be active in the affairs of the monastery and he was helping the other monks. Staupitz asked him to visit 10 other monasteries and see how things were going as his representative, and talk to the monks there and try to help them. Then the Elector of Saxony, --Saxony was a large division of Germany, which had now been broken into two parts, one ruled by the Elector and the other by his cousin who was called Duke George of Saxony. ==The Elector of Saxony started a new University and asked Staupitz to become head of it. Staupitz suggested that this monk, Luther, come there to teach theology. So Luther went to Wittenburg to become a professor in the University in which Staupitz was director. Staupitz was also very active over at the monastery and now he asked Luther to go and be in general charge of 70 monasteries, and Luther went trying to bring the Word of God to the various monks.