

Philip Melanchthon

born February 16, 1497

Biography

Great Uncle: Johann Reuchlin (1455 - 1520)

1521 - publishes *Loci Communes*

1530 - Augsburg Confession

Theology

Two points of divergency from Luther:

1. Eucharist

Marburg Colloquy, October 1-4, 1529

2. Monergism vs. Synergism

Doctrine of Justification

Justification - status of being righteous in the sight of God; being right with God; to be put in a right relationship with God

Grace - the undeserved and unmerited divine favor towards humanity

Luther pre break through: teaches that God gives His grace to the humble, so that all who humble themselves before God can expect to be justified as a matter of course

Luther rediscovers the insights of St. Augustine - true repentance is the result, rather than a precondition of grace

The justification by grace through faith - the justification of the sinner is based upon the grace of God, and is received through faith