

Here We Stand

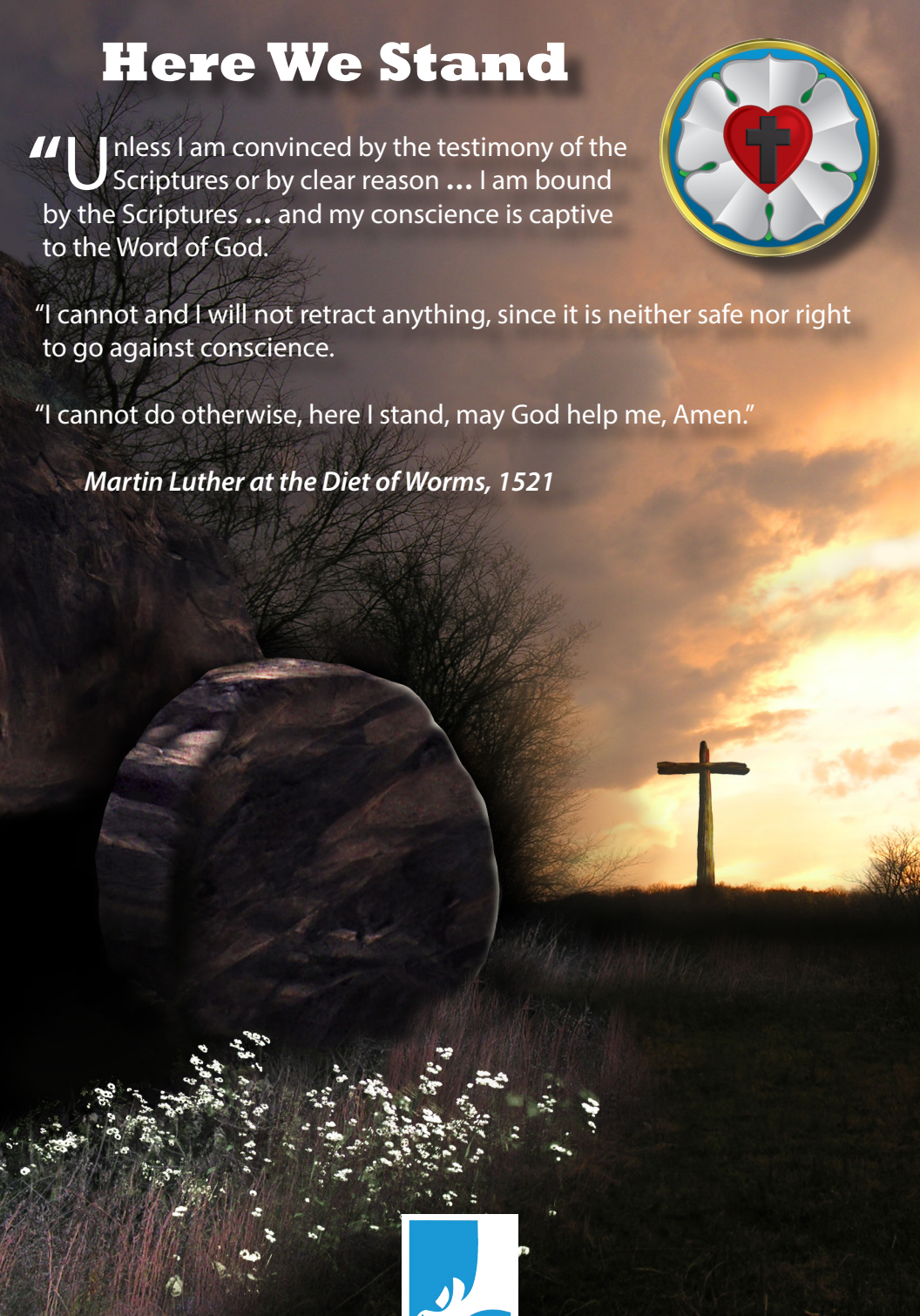
“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.



“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521



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“**T**herefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:13)

- † **Here We Stand** to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.
- † **Here We Stand** to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.
- † **Here We Stand** for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she’s done, no matter what he can’t do.
- † **Here We Stand** from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God’s purpose, not our own plans.
- † **Here We Stand** behind Jesus Christ’s passion, not our own pride.
- † **Here We Stand** bearing His Holy Spirit’s presence, not our own capacities.
- † **Here We Stand** against sin and selfishness, death and the devil, not against one another.
- † **Here We Stand** speaking truth and sharing love—in joy and not out of anger, in hope and not out of fear.
- † **Here We Stand** for forgiveness and not comparison, for salvation and not competition; to relieve and release, not to accuse; to listen, assist, accompany, embrace, and befriend—not to attack.
- † **Here We Stand** with millions of His children around the world and multitudes across the centuries.
- † **Here We Stand** with you and for you, wherever you are, wherever you’ve been, wherever you’re going.
- † **Here We Stand** for anyone vulnerable or victim to violence against life—as Gospel-motivated voices For Life.

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