

The Smalcald Articles

Session 1 - Historical Introduction and Preface

What was the political scene like at the time the Smalcald Articles were written?

What concerns did the Elector John Frederick have that prompted the writing of the Articles?



Elector John Frederick

What concerns did the Wittenberg theologians have about the articles? And how did Luther respond?

For what reasons were the Articles not accepted at the meeting of the Smalcald League in 1537? How does this relate to what occurs after the Smalcald War of 1547?



*Luther about 3 years
before writing the
Smalcald Articles*

What do we learn about Luther's character from the history surrounding the writing of the Smalcald Articles?

What was Luther's intention in writing these articles? What were his hopes concerning them?

How are the articles organized and for what reason?

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