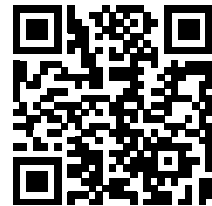


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# Scottish Reformation Parliament Explained



In the 16th century, \_\_\_\_\_ experienced profound religious changes. At the heart of this transformation was the Reformation Parliament of 1560. This \_\_\_\_\_ marked the official start of the Scottish Reformation by adopting Protestantism and rejecting the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_. Prior to this shift, Scotland had been a staunchly Catholic country, deeply influenced by the papacy.

The parliament passed several pivotal \_\_\_\_\_ that established the new Protestant doctrines and dismantled the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland. One significant act was the \_\_\_\_\_ of church properties, which reduced the economic power of the Catholic Church and redistributed \_\_\_\_\_ among the Protestant nobility.

Key figures in the Reformation Parliament included John \_\_\_\_\_, a former priest who had converted to Protestantism and become a leading \_\_\_\_\_. His fiery sermons encouraged the rejection of Catholic practices and influenced the direction of the parliament.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of a Protestant confession of faith was another critical step taken by the parliament. This \_\_\_\_\_ outlined the main beliefs of Scottish Protestantism and formally severed ties with Catholic \_\_\_\_\_. It was a bold move that defined the religious landscape of Scotland for centuries to come.

The \_\_\_\_\_ initiated by the Reformation Parliament had far-reaching effects on Scottish \_\_\_\_\_. Education, which had been largely controlled by the Catholic Church, began to open up. The parliament also promoted the use of the \_\_\_\_\_ in church services, making them more accessible to the general population.

Despite these advancements, the Reformation Parliament also led to \_\_\_\_\_ with those who remained loyal to Catholicism, causing decades of religious strife in Scotland.

Nevertheless, it was a decisive \_\_\_\_\_ that fundamentally altered Scottish history and contributed to the broader European Protestant \_\_\_\_\_.

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