

Lutherans and Other Denominations

Holiness Bodies

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Review - Calvinism vs. Arminianism = * - Lutherans agree

John Calvin

Total Depravity = *Man unable to earn salvation
Unconditional Election = Predestination of Elect
Limited Atonement = Predestination of Reprobate
Irresistible Grace = Elect can't refuse god's grace
Perseverance of the Saints = Once saved, always saved

Jacob Arminius

Foreseen Predestination = Predestination of foreseen faithful
Open Atonement = *Christ died for all, not just the elect
Cooperative Conversion = Man cooperates in conversion
Unforced Grace = *Man may resist divine grace
Severable Grace = *Man may fall from divine grace

Lutherans - God desires all to be saved and offers His grace freely. Although He foreknows who will be saved, He gives us free will to accept or reject His saving grace.

Review - John Wesley's Doctrine of Salvation

Universal Salvation = Salvation is offered to all, based on how they respond to opportunities
Do the best you can = Even the heathen will be saved if they do as much as they can
Free Salvation = All are free to accept or reject salvation based on how they live - reject by purposefully sinning
Have to know something's wrong to be a sin = Ignorance is an excuse
All men contain some measure of deity = Will show what is right and wrong (no original sin)
Full Salvation = Aim for perfection in this life (Entire Sanctification)
The Perfected Christian = Strive to live a holy life, Free from willful sin
Sure Salvation = Must have a conversion experience and be sure you are saved

Holiness Movement = Mid-1800s

Sanctification = To make or be made holy
Sanctify (Funk & Wagnalls) - 1. To set apart as holy or for holy purposes; 2. To purify or make holy
Wesley - Complete in the dramatic experience of a second work of grace given by God to the faithful
In this experience the believer attains Christian perfection which is displayed in "perfect love"
Other Protestants - The process where the justified Christian is made to correspond with God's holiness

Debate within Methodist Church over meaning of *Entire Sanctification* = The Perfected Christian (Full Salvation)
entire and *instantaneous* (Conversion Experience) vs. *progressive* and *gradual*
Holiness Groups split away = Methodism remained with *progressive* and *gradual*

Movement drew Holiness advocates in other churches = Attracted by camp meeting revivals
Left and formed their own independent churches & associations

Holiness Bodies - Three Groupings

Perfectionists = Wesley's "Perfected Man" (around 11 groups)
Baptism of Holy Spirit is "entire sanctification"
Pentecostals = (over 40 groups)
Baptism of Holy Spirit is tongues (sometimes healing)
Evangelistic Associations = (around 12 groups)
Dedicated to spreading the doctrine of entire holiness

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Characteristics of Holiness Bodies

Literalism

Okay to take Scripture out of context = Ignore the literary form - prose, poetry, history, prophecy ...

Example - Practice foot washing

John 13:4-15 = v14 - *you also should wash one another's feet*

Example - Snake handling, poison drinking

Mark 16:17-20 = *those who believe will ...*

Faith Healing

Christ came to heal our bodies also = Sicknesses, etc result from a specific sin

Isaiah 53:5 = *and by his wounds we are healed*

Matthew 8:16-17 = *He took our infirmities and carried our diseases*

Premillennialism

Many Pentecostals believe in premillennialism = Doctrine pulled entirely out of Revelation 20

Christ will come to earth and rule for 1000 years, After this time he will judge the world

Legalism

Strive to live a holy life

Make many things sinful that the Bible permits = ie., jewelry, alcohol, tobacco ...

Emotionalism

Signs that a person has been baptized by the Holy Spirit = Yell in tongues, laugh, cry, dance, roll on floor

Some Pentecostals limit outbursts to tongues & healing

Holiness Doctrine

Typically Fundamental Arminian

Four Main Points

* Entire Sanctification is from an instant experience = Manual of the Church of the Nazarene:

A second definite work of grace in the heart, whereby we are cleansed from all sin.

Only those who are justified and walking in the favor of God can receive this grace.

* Baptism with Holy Ghost & fire = *All believers are entitled to and should expect and seek*

Yearn for a Second Pentecost = May be days, weeks, months, years after conversion

* Baptism of the Holy Ghost follows conversion

Perfectionist - A second work of grace

Pentecostal - Ecstatic experience, esp. tongues

* Christ's healing is also for the body (not all agree)

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Perfectionists

Charles Finney (1792-1875)

Presbyterian minister = Turned from Calvinism to Arminianism, active revivalist

Successful evangelist turned professor = Prepared Oberlin College students for evangelism & revival work

Holy Spirit empowers and perfects the will of converted Christians to conform with God's will

Man inherits sin by his free choice - Conversion is man's personal surrender

Entire Sanctification immediately follows conversion = Main thrust

God removes all inbred sin from man in "Entire Sanctification"

Wesley taught that involuntary sins will remain = Since they are involuntary, they don't hinder perfection

Bodies grew mainly out of the Methodist Church

Members of other Protestant bodies also moved over

Church of the Nazarene = around 500,000 US members

Closely adheres to original Wesley ideology

The right wing of the holiness movement

Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) = around 200,000 US members

Perfectionist, but desires to be non-denominational and governed at the congregational level

Wesleyan Church = around 100,000 US members

Entire Sanctification is central

Church of Christ (Holiness) = around 10,000 members

Uses foot washing and faith healing, Episcopal (bishop) government

Pentecostals

Began as *Latter Rain* movement = around 1900

Joel 2:28-29 = *your sons will prophesy ... I will pour out my Spirit* - Seen as prophesy of Pentecost tongues

Joel 2:23 = He has given former rains and latter rains

Former rain was on Pentecost, *Latter rain* is at end of Christian era

1901 - Charles Parham = Itinerant Holiness evangelist & faith healer, opened Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Ks

1/1/01 - Students began speaking in tongues during study of Acts = Parham then focused on tongues

Tongues is the initial, physical evidence of baptism of the Spirit, it's inevitable accompaniment

1906-1909 - Azusa Street Revival = Thousands traveled to LA, experienced their "Pentecost" and returned home

William Seymour = Black Holiness minister taught by Charles Parham - founded Azusa Street Mission

Movement spread via individuals and individual churches

Associations and denominations evolved = Many still claim congregational independence

Emphasize charismatic gifts - especially tongues & healing

All should yearn and expect a Second Pentecost - Baptism with Holy Ghost AND fire

Must have a Pentecostal experience to receive Entire Sanctification

Four-Square Gospel = Basic Pentecostal Doctrine - Four-faced creature in Ezekiel 1, Four sides of city in Rev 21:16

Christ the Savior = Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, Justification is for actual sin

Christ the Sanctifier = Through Spirit baptism as evidenced through tongues

Christ the Healer = Divine healing

Christ the Coming King = The premillennial return of Christ

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Pentecostal Groups

Church of God in Christ = 5 million US members, America's largest black denomination
1897 - Formed by Baptist ministers C. H. Mason & C. P. Jones
Rejected by Arkansas Baptist groups for over-emphasis on Holiness
Holiness is a pre-requisite to salvation
Practice baptism by immersion, the Lord's Supper, foot washing, tongues, healing

Assemblies of God = 2.7 million US members
1914 - Joining of a group of churches and assemblies in Hot Springs, Arkansas
Baptism of the Spirit must be evidenced in tongues, All gifts of Spirit should exist in a normal church

Pentecostal Assemblies of the World = 1.5 million US members
The oldest "oneness" or "Jesus Only" organization in US = originated at 1913 camp meeting
Jesus-Unitarian theology - The "name" of the Father, Son and Spirit is *Jesus*
Goal is to spread the "Jesus Only" gospel message to the world

Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee) = 700,000 US members
1886 - Christian Union formed by Richard Spurling = Baptist minister with 8 members
1902 - Renamed Holiness Church
Blends orthodox Pentecostal themes with Pentecostal ideas and practices
tongues, premillennialism, foot washing, divine healing, condemns alcohol & tobacco

United Pentecostal = 500,000 US & Canada members
Evolved from Oneness Pentecostals - withdrew from Assemblies of God in 1916
Rejects cutting of women's hair, worldly amusements, home TV sets, immodest dress

Foursquare Gospel = over 200,000 US members
1923 - Aimee Semple McPherson dedicated Angelus Temple in LA
Thousands flocked to meetings of her preaching and faith healings

Evangelistic Associations

Associations of churches formed for missionary work = Some developed into denominations

Christian and Missionary Alliance = 14,000 churches worldwide
1882 - Originated by A. B. Simpson = Presbyterian minister in NYC
1914 - One tenth left and formed Assemblies of God

Independent Assemblies of God (also called Philadelphia Churches) = 800 churches, 1800 ministers
Members have a Swedish background

Pentecostal Body Types = From Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches

Holiness - Pentecostal (14 majors) - 3 stages of Christian experience (conversion, sanctification, baptism of HS)
Baptistic - Pentecostal (10 majors) - 2 stages of Christian experience (conversion, baptism of HS)
Unitarian (Oneness) Pentecostal (5 majors) - Deny the Trinity, Jesus Christ alone is God

Closing Prayer

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