

Lutherans and Other Denominations

Anabaptists, Baptists and Adventists

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Anabaptists

Ana means *again*

Must believe before you can be baptized

Originated in Zurich in mid-1520's

Swiss Brethren

Governments worked closely with selected church

Nicknamed Anabaptists by outsiders

Schleitheim Confession of 1527

1. Believer's Baptism
2. Ban
3. Eucharist is a memorial feast
4. Separation from evil
5. Pastoral duties
6. Separation of church and state
7. Oaths are forbidden

Mennonites, Hutterites and Amish

Jacob Hutter gathered Anabaptists to live communally as in Acts 4:32-35

Hutterites fled to Hungary and Ukraine

Many moved to Dakotas & Canada in 1874

1534-1535 - *New Jerusalem* in Munster, Germany

Revolutionaries in group led to labeling as radical

Menno Simons (1492-1559) took up for Anabaptists

Added sanity to this radical group, Organized scattered Anabaptists into congregations

Mennonites

Jacob Amman began to enforce strict church discipline in 1693

1 Corinthians 5:9-11

Amish became separatist to stay moral - Also 2 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 12:2

Strictly adhere to old customs

Mennonites are liberal compared to Amish

Forbid items of luxury and worldly items

Salvation - Justified by "spiritual" knowledge of Christ

Christ is revealed inwardly, not through Scriptures or sacraments

Baptism

Lord's Supper

Typically preceded by foot washing and followed by "kiss of peace"

Around 16 bodies

Mennonite Church USA

Old Order Amish Church

Hutterian Brethren

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Baptist History

Puritans - English Calvinists who wanted to purify the Anglican church from its “rags of popery”
Independents, or Congregationalists
Separatists
Puritans persecuted in England, many fled to Holland, most radical (Pilgrims) fled to New England

John Smyth (1565-1612) led group of Separatists in Amsterdam
Tried to turn church into Mennonite
1611 - Thomas Helwys led group back to England and formed the first English Baptist church

General Baptists - Arminian
Particular Baptists - Calvinist

1638 - First American Baptist Church
1844 - Split at Civil War - American Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention

Baptist Doctrines

Bible - Inerrant
Salvation - By grace through faith, not works

Individual Religion
No authority of church or state, no creed, no sacrament, no pastor can stand between God & the individual
A step beyond congregationalism

Creeds - None
Wide diversity of teachings
Most Baptists are Calvinists - Once saved, always saved
Arminian influence grew in 1700s from George Whitefield

Legalistic
No liquor, tobacco, playing on Sundays, dancing, card playing, movies
Separation of church & state is important

Baptism
A deep, personal response to God
Must be old enough to decide for yourself
Lord's Supper

Baptist Bodies

Southern Baptists
Strictly legalistic
Major emphasis on mission and evangelism

Other White Baptists - American Baptist Churches (Northerns) - 1.5MM, Baptist Bible Fellowship - 1.5MM
Black Baptists - National Baptist Convention USA - 7.5MM, Nat. Baptist Convention of America - 3.5MM,
Progressive National Baptist Conv. - 2.5MM, National Missionary Baptist Conv. of America - 2.0MM

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Adventist History

William Miller (1792-1849)
1816 - Became Baptist
Predicted Christ's Second Coming in 1843-1844
Daniel 8:13-14
Numbers 14:34
Between 50K and 100K from varied denominations joined movement
The Great Disappointment - October 22, 1844
Made new prediction when that didn't occur
1845 - American Millennial Association

Millennialism - Revelation 20:1-6

Premillennialism

Rapture - 1 Thess. 4:16-17
Great Tribulation
Millennial Kingdom
Second Resurrection

Dispensationalism

1 - Age of Eden up to Adam's fall
2 - Age of conscience
3 - Age of human government
4 - Age of patriarchs
5 - Age of Moses
6 - Age of Christianity
7 - Age of Manifestation

Postmillennialism

Could be a literal period of peace, or symbolic of the triumph of the gospel

Amillennialism

Continuous development of good and evil until Christ returns

LCMS on Millennialism (from *A Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*, 1932)

We reject every type of millennialism. ... Scripture clearly teaches that:

The kingdom of Christ on earth will remain under the cross until the end of the world; that

(Acts 14:22; John 16:33; 18:36; Luke 9:23; 14:27; 17:20-37; 18:8; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 12:28)

The second visible coming of the Lord will be His final advent, His coming to judge the quick and the dead; that

(Matthew 24:29, 30; 25:31; 2 Timothy 4:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:8; Hebrews 9:26-28)

There will be but one resurrection of the dead; that

(John 5:28; 6:39, 40)

The time of the Last Day is, and will remain, unknown, which would not be the case if the Last Day were to come a thousand years after the beginning of a millennium; and that

(Matthew 24:42; 25:13; Mark 13:32, 37; Acts 1:7)

There will be no general conversion, a conversion en masse, of the Jewish nation,

(Romans 11:7; 2 Corinthians 3:14; Romans 11:25; 1 Thessalonians 2:16)

According to these clear passages of Scripture we reject the whole of Millennialism, since it not only contradicts Scripture, but also

engenders a false conception of the kingdom of Christ,

turns the hope of Christians upon earthly goals, and

leads them to look upon the Bible as an obscure book.

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Seventh Day Adventists

Largest of three main Adventist denominations

Ellen White

Various radical sects including Branch Davidians (Waco)

Jehovah's Witness - Non-Christian cult formed from adventist movement (will cover in 2 weeks)

Premillennial return of Christ

October 1844 - Christ's ministry in heaven moved from Holy Place to Most Holy Place

Man becomes unconscious at death, will awaken when Christ returns

Seventh Day - Must worship on Saturday

Anti-creedal

Baptism - Only adults by immersion

Lord's Supper - Preceded by foot washing

Human body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

Strictly forbid alcohol, tobacco, drugs, unhealthy food

Closing Prayer

