How to read the Bible 9

The story of the Church

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FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice

Malcolm's denominational background

Born into Methodist Church 1967-1977

- Father was a minister until Malcolm was aged 4
- Arminian, Evangelical, semi-hierarchical (branched out of Anglicanism), pietistic (social justice important), teetotalling, etc.

Methodist Church became Uniting Church in Australia 1977-1984

 Union of Methodist, Presbyterian (Scottish reformed), and Congregationalist (reformed, Baptist-like) Attended Uniting Church through university 1984-1990

- Stayed at UCA Queensland college
- Went to Toowong Uniting—taught Sunday School, on property committee, ran Small Group, etc.

Tokyo Baptist Church 1991-1996

- Southern Baptist mission church
- Taught Sunday School, ran Youth, ran Small Group, on outreach committee, etc.

Malcolm's background cont.

Various Californian churches (mega-church, Baptist, etc.) 1994, 1996

Burleigh Uniting 1996-1998

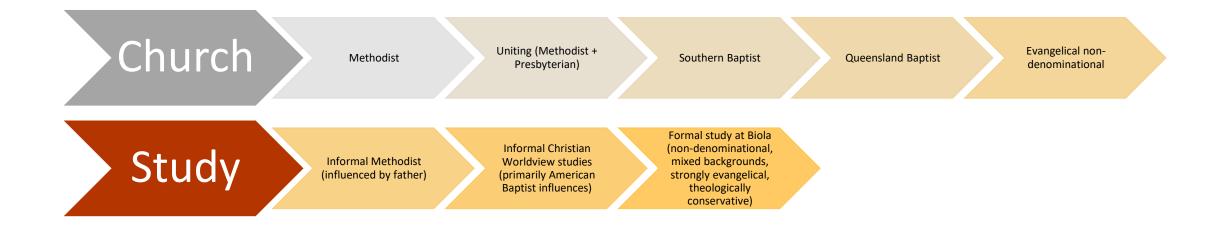
• Elder, Youth leader, etc.

Robina Christian Family ->GCCF->Mosaic 1999-2010, 2014-2018

 Reality Bites Leader, Deacon, AiR, Small Group Leader & Coach Evangelical Community Church 2010-2013

• Elder, Sunday School Teacher

Theological background



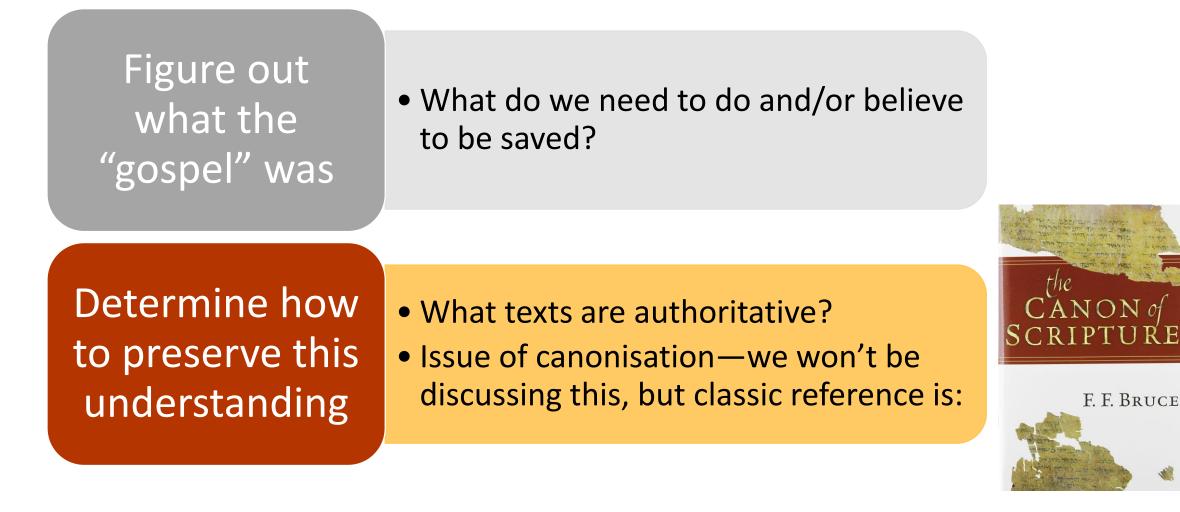
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The development of orthodoxy in the first centuries

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Primary needs of the early church



Orthodoxy defined by heresy

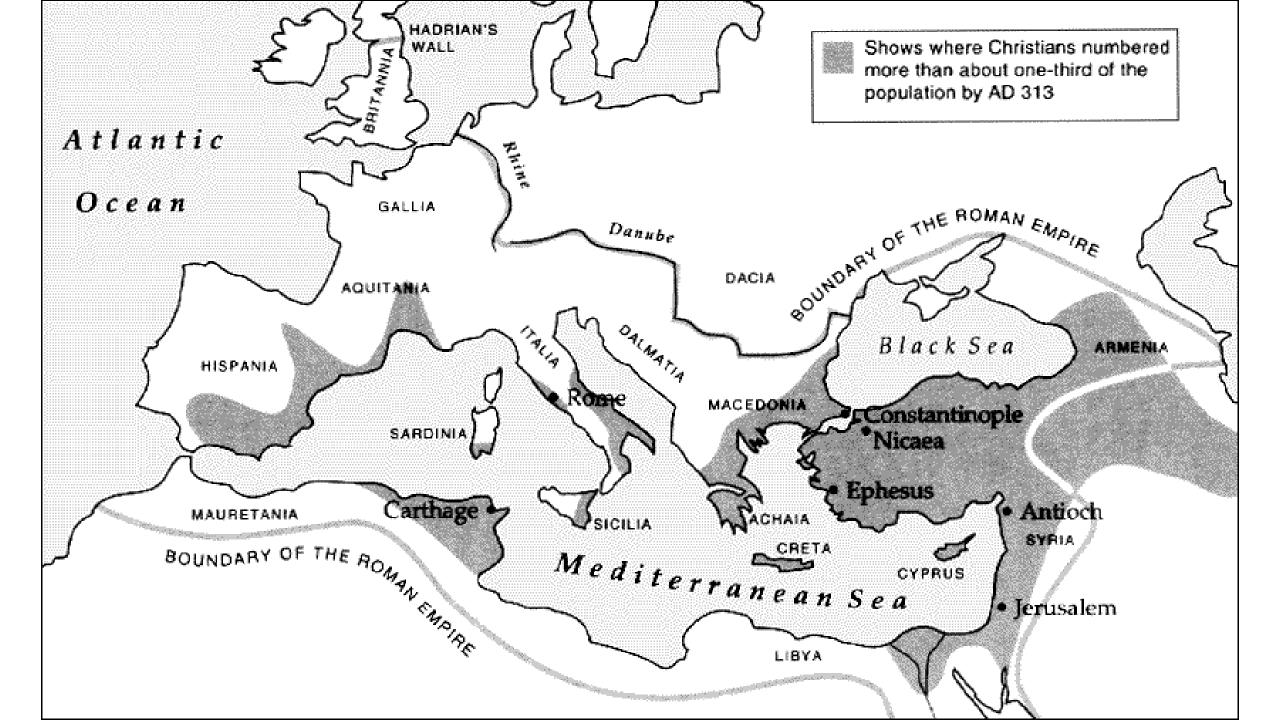
Church figured out orthodoxy (truth: orthos—straight doxa—opinion) via response to heresy (choice, a wrong one)

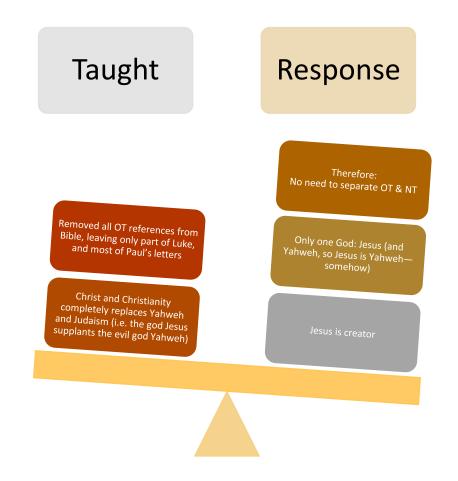
Slowly developed systematic theology of who God was and who Christ was, so that:

• Could differentiation between those who believed the wrong things about a false god and those who believe the right things about a true god

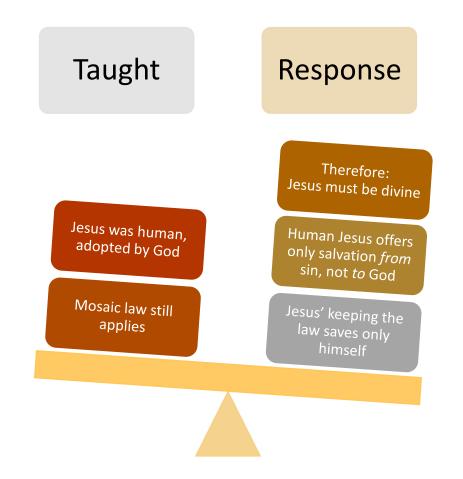
Assumes:

Belief mattersBelief->actionCan know God (through his self-revelation)



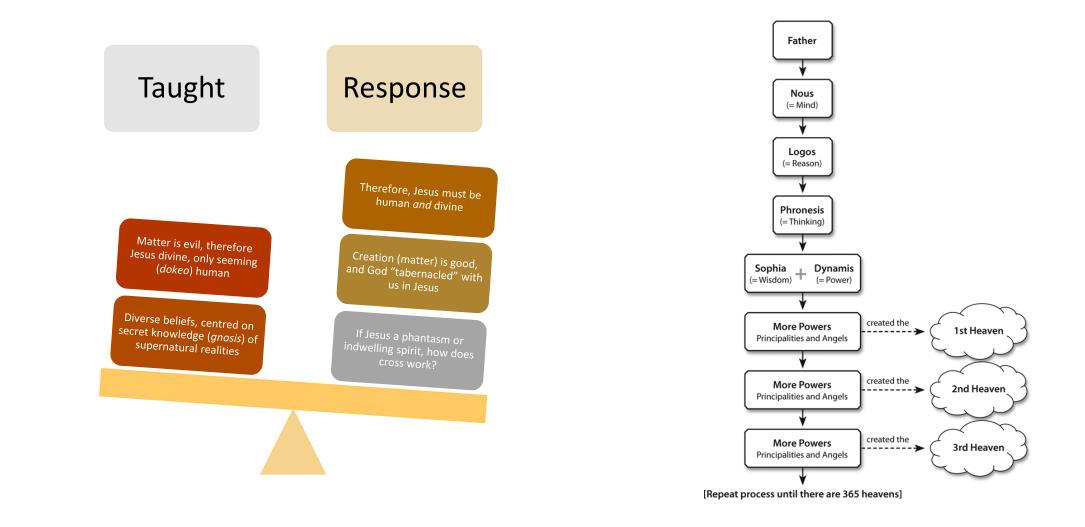


Marcion—Supersessionism AD144

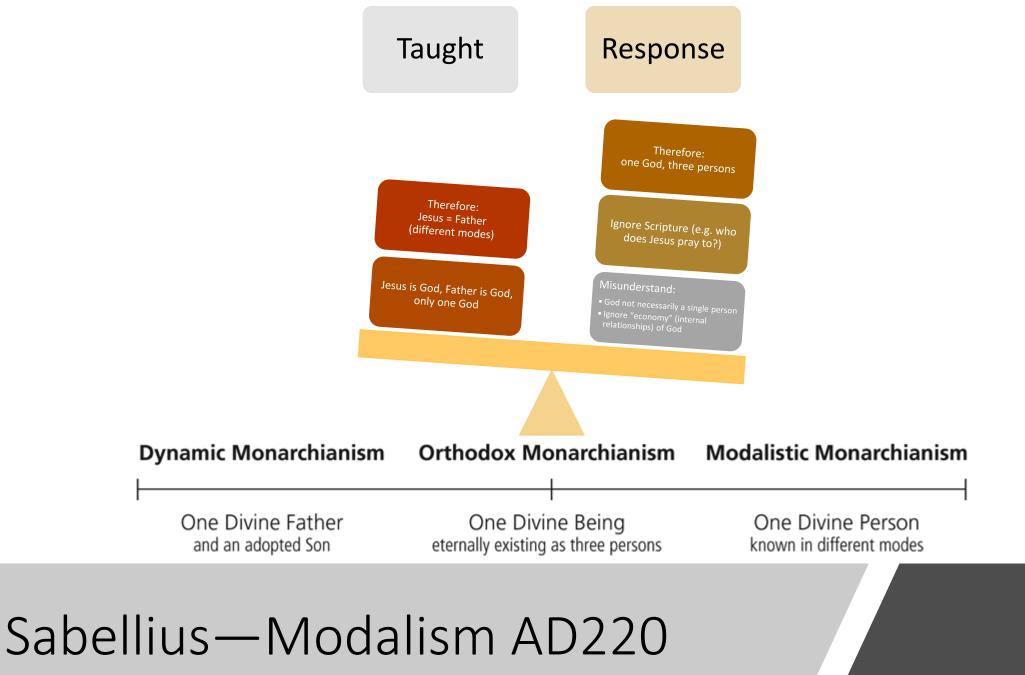


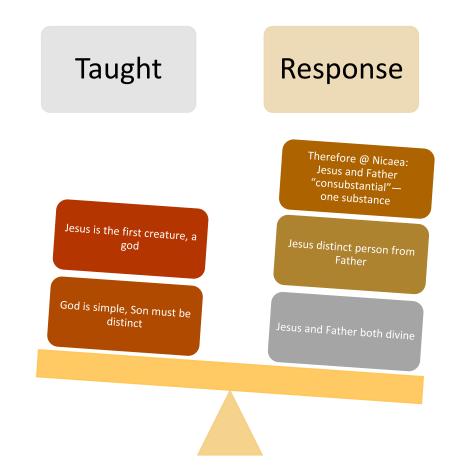
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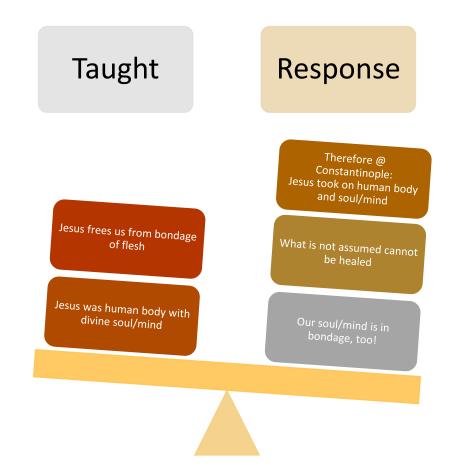


Gnostics—Docetism AD130

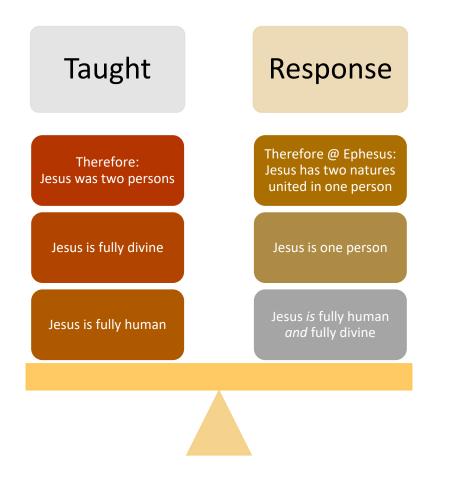




Arius—Subordinationism AD325

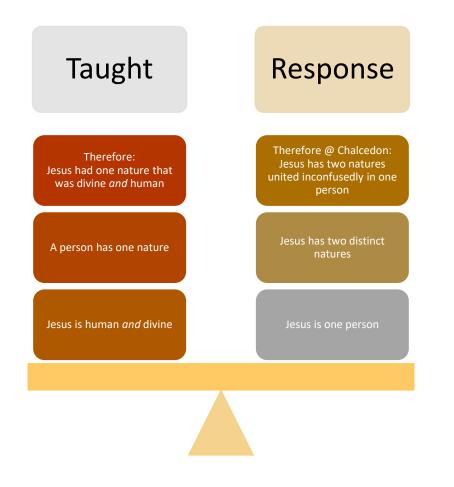


Apollinaris—Subhumanism AD381



- Assyrian Church inherits Nestorian theology
- Understand Nestorius as teaching Jesus having two *faces*, the divine and human, not two persons

Nestorius—Dyoprosopitism AD431



- Egyptian (Coptic) church thought Chalcedon too Nestorian, so split
- Some other Eastern churches are "miaphysite" (one nature)

Eutyches—Monophysitism AD451

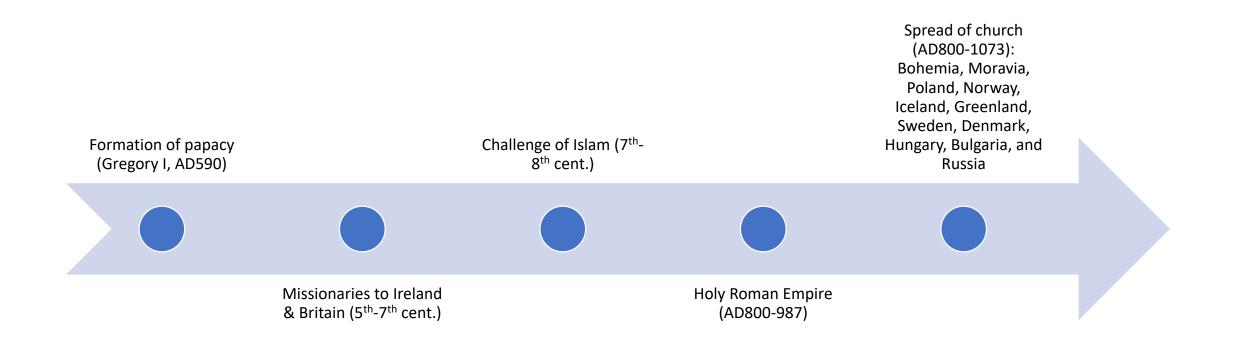
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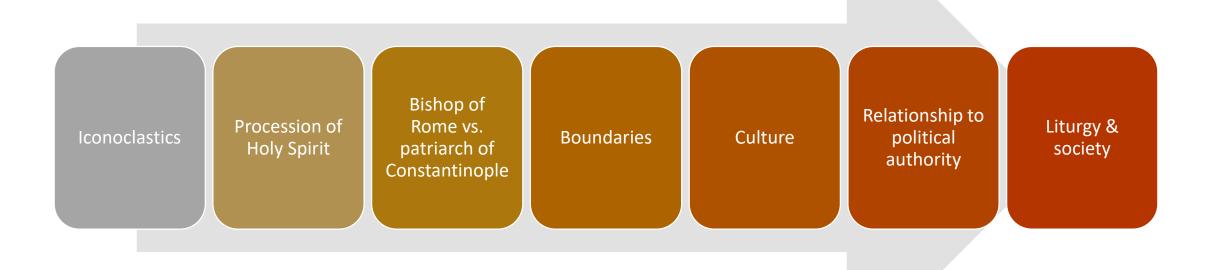


Primary differences of denominations

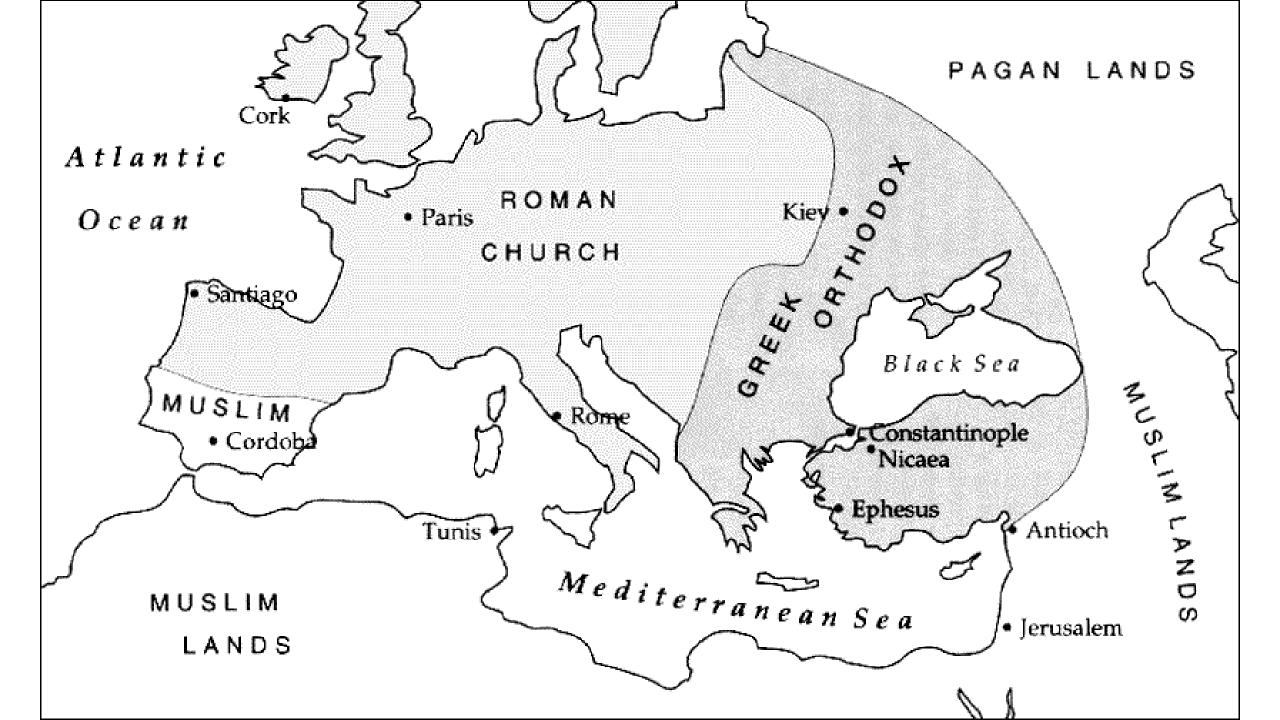


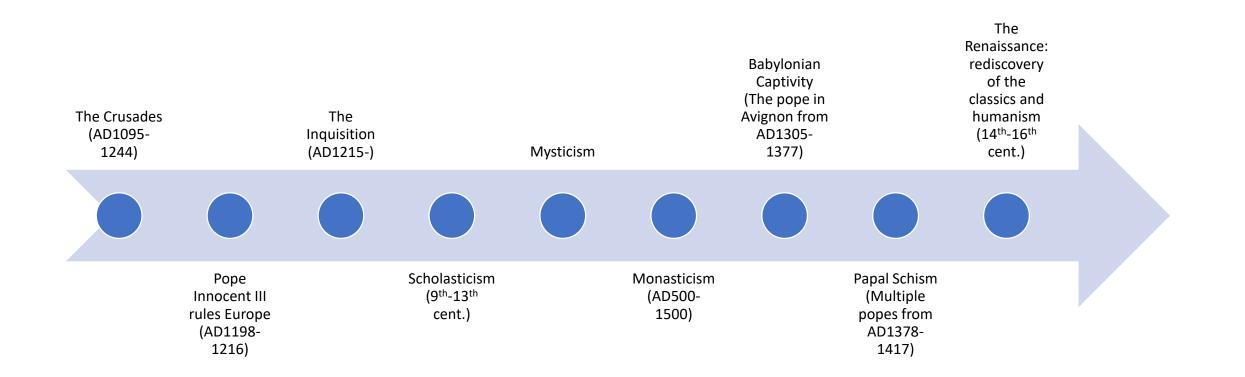


Rise of Rome ~AD450-1054

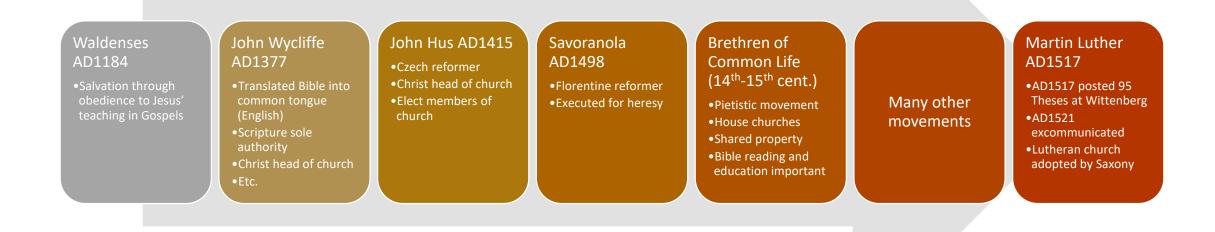


Great Schism AD1054



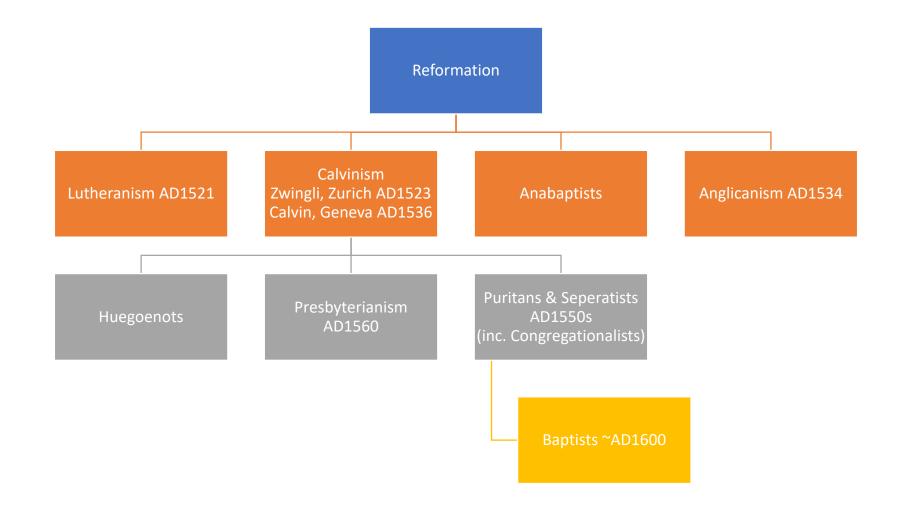


Roman Church AD1054-1517

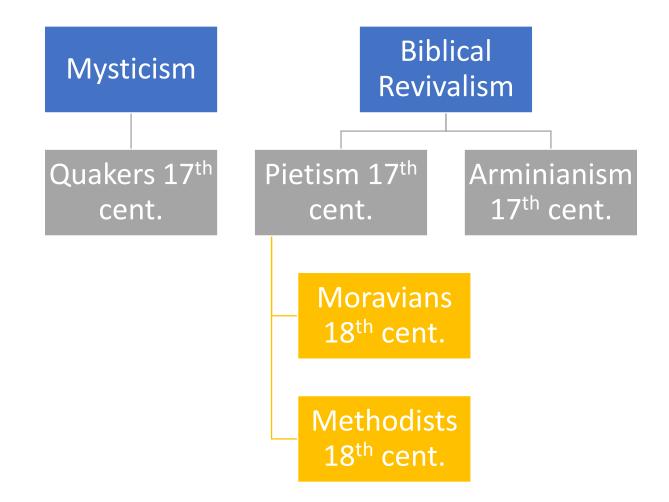


Reformation

AD1517



Reformation churches



17th-18th Century churches

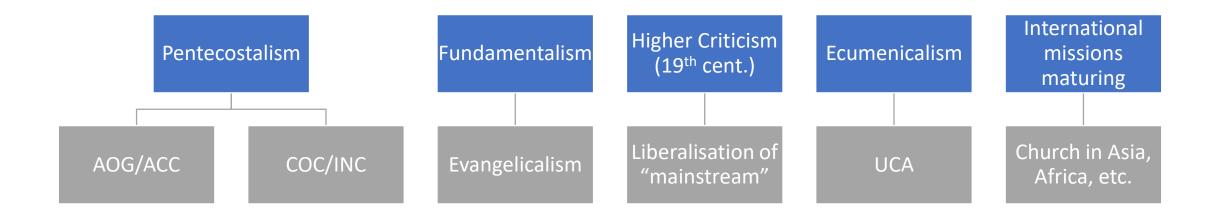
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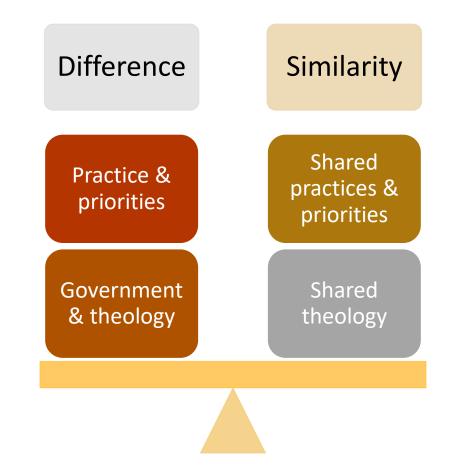


20th Century church movements

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