

	CATHOLIC	LUTHERAN	ZWINGLI	CALVINIST	ANABAPTIST
AUTHORITY	scripture AND tradition	‘sola scriptura’	scripture alone	scripture alone	scripture alone
SALVATION	faith (belief) + works	‘sola fide’ from which works naturally follow	-faith alone + works (Luther) -predestination-lite	-predestination (Elect) -no works (but!)	-‘Christology’: living in Christ, becoming like him
SACRAMENTS	7 -Baptism -Confirmation -Eucharist (transubstantiation) -Penance/Confession -Anointing of Sick -Holy Orders -Matrimony (Marriage)	2 -Baptism -Eucharist (consubstantiation)	2 -Baptism -Eucharist (no presence of Christ; purely symbolic; ‘memorial’)	2 -Baptism -Eucharist (metaphorical presence)	2 -ADULT baptism -Eucharist (no presence of Christ; purely symbolic; ‘memorial’)
THEOLOGY	-worship of saints -centrality of Mary -purgatory -general free will	-NO saints -Mary demoted -NO purgatory -no <i>spiritual</i> free will	-NO saints, Mary, purgatory, indulgences... -very little free will	-NO saints, Mary, purgatory, indulgences... -almost no free will	NO saints, Mary, purgatory, indulgences...
GOVERNANCE	centralized – Rome and the Pope	‘priesthood of all believers,’ but led by pastors & wider synod in practice	joint church and state (on small scale)	joint church and state (on small & large scales)	-communal leadership -separation of church and state
LANGUAGE	Latin (esp. for Mass)	vernacular (German)	vernacular (German)	vernacular (many – French, English, Dutch)	vernacular (many)
OTHER	-indulgences -pilgrimages -humans are good	-marriage for priests -no images but OK with music in church -humans are depraved	-no images or music at all -humans are depraved	-no image but OK with music in church; anti-entertainment -emphasis on education	-freedom of conscience (i.e. freedom of religion) -pacifism; nonresistance -no oaths
FROM WHICH FOLLOWS...	modern/reformed Catholic	modern Lutheran	large influence on other groups, but no particular church system	Puritans, Presbyterians, French Huguenots, Dutch Reformed Church	Mennonite, Amish

OVERALL NOTE: all of these groups believe in the threefold nature of the Trinity. Anti-trinitarianism is the one major heresy which everyone despised.

Anglican and Episcopal: Catholic in structure (bishops), gently Protestant in theology; national creations, not formed under the lead of a charismatic theologian. **Modern American ‘Baptist’** theology is hard to pin down except for the central fact that it includes adult baptism, so it is at least like Anabaptism in that sense; it includes centrality of sermons and hymns with minimal ritual; it is closely tied in many places to specific traditions of African-American communities. **Quakers** are similar to Anabaptists in some ways (pacifism, freedom of conscience, communal gatherings, living in Christ), but even more radical in theology; they have no sacraments at all.