

	Roman Catholic	Baptist	Lutheran
Date Founded	1054 (Great Schism)	1609	1517 (95 Theses) 1530 (German/Protestant Reformation)
Founder and Developers (in addition to that of Jesus Christ, Apostles, and Church Fathers)	St. Peter	John Smyth	Martin Luther
The Nature of the Father	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe
The Nature of Christ	Fully God, Fully Man	Fully God, Fully Man	Fully God, Fully Man
The Nature of the Holy Spirit	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity
The Nature of the Trinity	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons
Christ's Crucifixion	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory
Christ's Resurrection	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death
The Holy Bible	Inspired and Inerrant	Inspired and Inerrant	Inspired and inerrant. (LCMS) Inspired but not inerrant. (ELCA)
Sacred Texts	Holy Bible - Old Testament, New Testament, and Apocrypha	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament (Apocrypha not sacred but useful for edification)
Source of Doctrine	Bible, church fathers, popes, bishops; Seven Ecumenical Councils; Trent, Vatican, and other Catholic councils.	The Holy Bible	The Holy Bible
The Nature of Humanity	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature
Atonement	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin

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The Means of Salvation	Received at baptism; may be lost by mortal sin; regained by penance	Salvation by “grace alone” through “faith alone” in “Christ alone.”	Salvation by “grace alone” through “faith alone” in “Christ alone.”
The Ability to Lose Salvation	Affirmed	Denied	Denied
Free Will	Free to do good and evil	Free only to do evil	Free only to do evil
Predestination	To Heaven through God’s Foreknowledge only (God does not predestine anyone to go to Hell)	Predestination to Heaven only, but not Hell	Predestination to Heaven only, but not Hell
Body and Soul	Spirit and Matter in union to form a single nature	Body and Soul are one organism. Body being matter and soul being spirit	The Soul is one with the body, psycho-physical being
Eschatology	Amillennialism	Christ will physically and visibly return and will judge the righteous and wicked	Christ will resurrect the righteous to live eternally while the souls of the wicked suffer in Hell
Eternal Life	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Affirmed	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied
Infant Baptism	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted
View of Eucharist	Transubstantiation	Symbolic	Consubstantiation
The Sacraments	The seven sacraments, “ <i>ex opere operato</i> ,” are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Holy Matrimony	Baptism and Eucharist	Baptism and Eucharist
Belief on the Church	The “One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.”	Baptized body of believers	Baptized body of believers
Belief on other Denominations	Believers in Christ who have been properly baptized are in “imperfect communion” with the Catholic Church	Respects other Christian Denominations and hopes for cooperation between them	Invisible communion between all believers

	Presbyterian	Methodist	Seventh-day Advent
Date Founded	1560 (Scottish and Swiss Reformation)	1787 (English Reformation)	1845 (Second Great Awakening)
Founder and Developers (in addition to that of Jesus Christ, Apostles, and Church Fathers)	John Calvin	John Wesley	William Miller Ellen G. White
The Nature of the Father	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe
The Nature of Christ	Fully God, Fully Man	Fully God, Fully Man	Fully God, Fully Man
The Nature of the Holy Spirit	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity
The Nature of the Trinity	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons
Christ's Crucifixion	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory
Christ's Resurrection	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death
The Holy Bible	Inspired but not necessarily Inerrant	Original Text Inspired and Inerrant, although translation's essential doctrine is inerrant.	Inspired and Inerrant
Sacred Texts	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament (Apocrypha useful for edification. Tradition and reason help interpretation)	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament
Source of Doctrine	The Holy Bible and the Church's Historic Confession of Faith	The Holy Bible	The Bible Ellen G. White's Writings
The Nature of Humanity	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature
Atonement	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin

	Presbyterian	Methodist	Seventh-day Advent
The Means of Salvation	Salvation by “grace alone” through “faith alone” in “Christ alone.”	Salvation by “grace alone” through “faith alone” in “Christ alone.”	Salvation by “grace alone” through “faith alone” in “Christ alone.”
The Ability to Lose Salvation	Denied	Affirmed	Affirmed
Free Will	Free only to do evil until one is saved. Then they are free to do good.	Free only to do evil until one is saved. Then they are free to do good.	Humans have the tendency to rebel
Predestination	Mostly Affirmed; Suggests predestination to Hell	Affirmed; Based on Foreknowledge	Affirmed
Body and Soul	Body and Soul are one organism. Body being matter and soul being spirit	Body and Soul are one organism. Body being matter and soul being spirit	Body wears away after death, Soul is put in an unconscious state until resurrection
Eschatology	Belief varies widely but the Lord will renew the world and reign over it.	Resurrection of the Righteous at Christ's Second Coming, Resurrection and Judgement of the Wicked at a later time	Premillennialism; 1844 - Christ begins his “Investigative Judgment”
Eternal Life	Heaven - Affirmed. Saints will live eternally in Heaven Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed. Temporary resting place after resurrection during the 1,000 years. Then righteous will live eternally on the New Earth Hell - Affirmed. Where the Unrighteous will be permanently destroyed shortly after judgment
Infant Baptism	Accepted	Accepted	Accepted
View of Eucharist	Consubstantiation	Symbolic	Symbolic
The Sacraments	Baptism and Eucharist	Baptism and Eucharist	Baptism, Communion, Foot-Washing
Belief on the Church	Baptized body of believers	Baptized body of believers where the Sacraments are duly administered	Baptized body of believers
Belief on other Denominations	Seek to Create Union	Respects other Christian Denominations and hopes for cooperation between them	Hope for a Universal Church

	Pentecostalism	Anglicanism	Jehova's Witness
Date Founded	1901 (Pentecostal Movement)	1534 (King Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy)	1879 (Restorationist Movement)
Founder and Developers (in addition to that of Jesus Christ, Apostles, and Church Fathers)	Charles Fox Parham William J. Seymour	King Henry VIII Queen Elizabeth I Thomas Cranmer (English Reformation)	Charles Taze Russell Joseph Rutherford Nathan Knorr
The Nature of the Father	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe, Exclusively call him "Jehova"
The Nature of Christ	Fully God, Fully Man	Fully God, Fully Man	Created, Before incarnation he was Michael the Arch Angel. On earth he was fully man and not divine. He is inferior to God the Father
The Nature of the Holy Spirit	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	God's active force, not part of the Trinity
The Nature of the Trinity	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons	Denied
Christ's Crucifixion	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Christ died as a man
Christ's Resurrection	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death	Resurrected into Immortal spirit
The Holy Bible	Inspired and Inerrant	Inspired and Inerrant	Inspired and Inerrant, Only read the <i>New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures</i>
Sacred Texts	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament	Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament (<i>New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures</i>)
Source of Doctrine	The Holy Bible	The Holy Bible, The Apostolic Church, and The Early Church Fathers	The Holy Bible
The Nature of Humanity	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature
Atonement	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ was the ransom for the inherited sin from Adam. Other sins must be atoned through the good works of man.

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The Means of Salvation	Salvation by "grace alone" through "faith alone" in "Christ alone."	Salvation by "grace alone" through "faith alone" in "Christ alone."	Salvation through faith in Christ and obedience to Jehovah.
The Ability to Lose Salvation	Affirmed	Denied	Affirmed
Free Will	Free to do good and evil	Free only to do evil	Free to do good and evil
Predestination	Belief Varies; free to accept or deny God's grace.	Affirmed	Denied
Body and Soul	Body and Soul are one organism. Body being matter and soul being spirit	Body and Soul are one organism. Body being matter and soul being spirit	The Soul is the entire creature
Eschatology	Christ will resurrect the righteous to live eternally while the souls of the wicked suffer in Hell	Christ will resurrect the righteous to live eternally while the wicked suffer eternal death	Jehova will make the earth into paradise after he rids it of all the wicked and the righteous will live there eternally.
Eternal Life	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Where the Unrighteous will be permanently destroyed shortly after judgment Purgatory - Denied
Infant Baptism	Accepted	Accepted	Rejected
View of Eucharist	Symbolic	Symbolic	Symbolic
The Sacraments	Baptism and Eucharist	Baptism and Eucharist	Deny all seven sacraments, however they do practice baptism and Eucharist
Belief on the Church	Baptized body of believers	The "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."	Believe they are the one true way
Belief on other Denominations	Hope for a Universal Church	Working towards full unity	Corrupted doctrine and divergence from early church.

	Mormonism	Eastern Orthodox	Oriental Orthodox
Date Founded	1840 (Restorationist Movement)	1054 (Great Schism)	451 (Council of Chalcedon)
Founder and Developers (in addition to that of Jesus Christ, Apostles, and Church Fathers)	Joseph Smith Oliver Cowdery Brigham Young	Patriarch and Archbishop of Constantinople Michael Cerularius	No one founder; Theology largely based on the teachings of St. Cyril the Great
The Nature of the Father	Creator and Governor of the Universe, perfected physical body	Creator and Governor of the Universe	Creator and Governor of the Universe
The Nature of Christ	Literal son of God, Brother to Satan, lived a perfect life	Fully God, Fully Man	Miaphysitism
The Nature of the Holy Spirit	The light force of God	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity	Works within the World and Reveals Truth to Humanity
The Nature of the Trinity	Denied	One God, Three separate persons	One God, Three separate persons
Christ's Crucifixion	Incomplete atonement for sin	Substitutionary and Expiatory	Substitutionary and Expiatory
Christ's Resurrection	Christ visited North America after he visited the disciples	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death, The supreme declaration of faith	Physical Resurrection, Defeated Sin and Death,
The Holy Bible	Inspired and Inerrant for only approved translations	Only the original text was inspired and the Scripture is only inerrant in regards of faith	Only the original text was inspired and the Scripture is only inerrant in regards of faith
Sacred Texts	The Book of Mormon Holy Bible - Old Testament and New Testament Doctrine and Covenants Pearl of Great Price	Holy Bible - Old Testament, New Testament, and Apocrypha, plus 3 more books	Holy Bible - Old Testament, New Testament, and Apocrypha, plus 3 more books
Source of Doctrine	The Book of Mormon Holy Bible Doctrine and Covenants Pearl of Great Price John Smith's Revelations	The Holy Bible, Sacred Apostolic Tradition, and Seven Ecumenical Councils	The Holy Bible, Sacred Apostolic Tradition, and Seven Ecumenical Councils
The Nature of Humanity	Eternal beings that were created by God before their earthly lives and will ascend there way to become gods	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature	Made in the image of God Inherent Sinful Nature
Atonement	Atonement started in the garden of Gethsemane and continued through the crucifixion. However, Christ's atonement did not cover all sin.	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin	Christ's Death and Resurrection Atoned for Man's Sin

	Mormonism	Eastern Orthodox	Oriental Orthodox
The Means of Salvation	Resurrected by grace but saved through obedience to the laws and ordinances of the Gospel	Received at baptism; may be lost by mortal sin; regained by penance	Received at baptism; may be lost by mortal sin; regained by penance
The Ability to Lose Salvation	Resurrection - Denied Godhood - Affirmed	Affirmed	Affirmed
Free Will	Free to do good and evil	Free only to do evil until one is saved. Then they are free to do good.	Free only to do evil until one is saved. Then they are free to do good.
Predestination	Predestined to fulfill one's calling, however, the means by which one does this is up to their free will.	Seeks middle ground between Pelagianism and Augustinian predestination	Seeks middle ground between Pelagianism and Augustinian predestination
Body and Soul	Eternal Soul, We were souls before we were given a heavenly body and when we die our souls will be granted plants of our own	Spirit and Matter closely bound together	Spirit and Matter closely bound together
Eschatology	Restoration of the Ten Tribes, Zion (New Jerusalem) will be on the American Continent	Souls of the righteous get a foretaste of Heaven and the unrighteous get a foretaste of Hell	Souls of the righteous get a foretaste of Heaven and the unrighteous get a foretaste of Hell
Eternal Life	Heaven - There are different levels of eternal glory called kingdoms. Base of the morality of the life lived. Hell - Affirmed. called "Outer Darkness" Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied	Heaven - Affirmed Hell - Affirmed Purgatory - Denied
Infant Baptism	Rejected	Accepted	Accepted
View of Eucharist	Symbolic	Transubstantiation	Transubstantiation
The Sacraments	Saving Ordinances instead of Sacraments. They are baptism, confirmation, ordination into priesthood for males, endowment in the temple, and marriage.	The seven sacraments, or mysteries, are: baptism, confirmation, confession, the Holy Communion, matrimony, anointing of the sick, and holy orders	The seven sacraments, or mysteries, are: baptism, confirmation, confession, the Holy Communion, matrimony, anointing of the sick, and holy orders
Belief on the Church	Believe they are the one true way	The "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."	The "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church."
Belief on other Denominations	Corrupted doctrine and divergence from early church.	All other denominations are not in communion with the Lord	All other denominations are not in communion with the Lord