

Protestant Churches and Denominations Timeline

- 1520 Luther creates Lutheran Church. Doctrine of *Sola Scriptura*. Luther claimed that all of Christianity could be deduced from the Bible. Before the sixteenth century, no Christian claimed that Scripture was the *sole* rule of faith.
- 1525 Mennonites (Conrad Grebel)
- 1528 Anabaptists (Wilheld Teubli)
- 1534 Anglican Church (King Henry VIII)
- 1550 Huguenots (John Calvin - France)
- 1553 Anabaptist - Anti-Trinitarianism was one of the many flourishing beliefs arising from the independent study of scripture.
- 1560 Presbyterian Church (John Knox - Scotland) Scottish parliament accepted Protestantism as the official religion of Scotland and abolished the Mass. Scotch Presbyterian Church founded by due to disagreement with Lutherans over sacraments and church government.
- 1568 The queen ordered an inquisition in London, which at that time had over 5000 Dutch refugees, to find any who held "heretical opinions, as the Anabaptists do hold."
- 1569 Hermann Van Flekwyk - was accused of "having blasphemed against the true body and blood of God, by speaking against the Mass," and by professing anti-Trinitarian beliefs by the Inquisition. He was found guilty and died at the stake for heresy in Bruges.
- 1570 Puritans (T. Cartwright)
- 1582 Congregationalism (R. Brown)
- 1589 Church of Russia
- 1596 Ukrainian Uniate Church
- 1610 Baptists (John Smyth and Thomas Helwys - Holland)
- 1616 Particular Baptists (Henry Jacob - England)
- 1620 Episcopalians (S. Seabury)
- 1624 Reformed Church America (New Amsterdam)
- 1628 Dutch Reformed Church (Michaelis Jones - Netherlands)
- 1652 Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) (George Fox)
- 1666 Old Believers (Reformed Russian Orthodox)
- 1697 Amish (Jacob Amman - Switzerland)
- 1708 Brethren (Alexander Mack - Germany)
- 1724 Melkite Church
- 1727 Moravian Church (Count Nicholas Zinzendorf)
- 1727 Free Will Baptist Church (Paul Palmer - North Carolina)
- 1739 Congregationalism (Methodist Church) (John & Charles Wesley - London, England)
- 1744 Spiritualism (Emanuel Swedenborg)
- 1772 Shakers (Ann Lee)
- 1775 National Baptist Convention (David George, George Lisle, Mr. Palmer)
- 1784 Methodist Episcopal Church (John Wesley - Baltimore)
- 1787 Church of the New Jerusalem (Emanuel Swedenborg - London, England)
- 1793 Synod of the German Reformed Church created in US

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- 1793 North Carolina Christian group formed
- 1793 Universalists (England)
- 1796 African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (split from the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church in New York)
- 1801 First Free Christian Church in Vermont formed
- 1802 Thomas Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist – Separation of Church and State
- 1804 Kentucky Christian group formed
- 1816 African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME) (Richard Allen - Philadelphia)
- 1820 Christian Church (uniting of North Carolina Christian group [1793], First Free Christian Church in Vermont [1801], and Kentucky Christian group [1804])
- 1825 Unitarian Universalists (John Murray, Joseph Priestly, & James Relly)
- 1828 Brethren (John Darby)
- 1830 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Joseph Smith)
- 1830 Methodist Protestant Church (formed by a group who withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church)
- 1832 Primitive Baptists (Black Rock, Maryland - split of the Old School Baptists from the Missionary Baptists)
- 1832 Stone-Campbell movement (Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone)
- 1833 Orthodox Church of Greece
- 1838 New Thought Movement (Phineas Parkhurst "Park" Quimby)
- 1840 Anglo-Israelism (John Wilson - Ireland)
- 1840 Millerites 7th Day Adventists (William Miller)
- 1843 Wesleyan Methodist Church (Orange Scott and Luther Lee)
- 1844 Thomasites (John Thomas)
- 1845 7th day Adventists (E.G. White)
- 1845 Southern Baptists (Augusta, Georgia)
- 1848 Spiritualism (Kate and Margaret Fox)
- 1848 Oneida Community (John Humphrey Noyes)
- 1854 Doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholic) - Mary was born without sin.
- 1857 Christian Reformed Church in America (Gysbert Haan)
- 1860 Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Joseph Smith III)
- 1860 Free Methodist Church (Benjamin Titus Roberts - New York)
- 1861 Beginning of American Civil War - ends 1865
- 1863 Seventh-Day Adventists (William Miller, Ellen White, James White, and Joseph Bates)
- 1864 Christadelphians (John Thomas [see 1844])
- 1867 Reformed Church (The name German was dropped from the title of Synod of the German Reformed Church [see 1793]).
- 1869 Jehovah's Witnesses (Charles Taze Russell - Allegheny, Pennsylvania)
- 1870 Bulgarian Orthodox Church
- 1871 Old Roman Catholics Cornelius Jansen
- 1872 German Evangelical Synod of North America
- 1875 Theosophy (Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and Henry Olcott)

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- 1878 Salvation Army (William and Catherine Booth)
- 1879 Christian Science (Mary Baker Eddy - Massachusetts)
- 1879 Serbian Orthodox Church
- 1882 Knights of Columbus (Michael J. McGivney)
- 1884 Church of God (Seventh Day) (Several Adventist Believers)
- 1885 Orthodox Church of Romania
- 1887 Unity School of Christianity (Charles and Mary Caroline Fillmore)
- 1890 Armenians: Under persecution by the Turks many moved to North America.
- 1890 Anthroposophical Society (Helena Blavatsky)
- 1892 Congregational Methodists join North American Congregationalism (1620)
- 1895 Niagara Bible Conference – 5 Points of Fundamentalism.
- 1897 The Way (William Irvine)
- 1897 Christian and Missionary Alliance (Albert Benjamin Simpson)
- 1900 Only 20 manuscripts of NT known to exist.
- 1901 Pentecostals - Charles F. Parham, William J. Seymour
- 1902 Church of God (Cleveland) (Richard G. Spurling)
- 1902 Anthroposophical Society (Rudolf Steiner)
- 1906 Churches of Christ
- 1908 Church of the Nazarene (Phineas Bresee - Pilot Point, Texas)
- 1908 Snake Handlers (George Went Hensley)
- 1914 Assemblies of God (Eudorus N. Bell - Hot Springs, Arkansas)
- 1914 Oneness Pentecostalism - Frank Ewart, G.T. Haywood, and Glenn Cook
- 1917 Orthodox Church of Georgia
- 1919 International Peace Mission Movement (Father Divine - Brooklyn, New York)
- 1920 Bruderhof (Eberhard Arnold - Germany)
- 1920 The Local Church (Watchman Nee, born Ni Shutsu)
- 1923 International Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Aimee Semple McPherson)
- 1923 Orthodox Church of Finland
- 1924 Orthodox Church of Poland
- 1925 German Congregationalists join North American Congregationalism [1620]
- 1927 United Church of Religious Science (Ernest Holmes)
- 1928 Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei (Josemaria Escriva)
- 1929 Branch Davidians (Victor Tasho Houteff)
- 1930 Christian Identity Movement (John Wilson, Edward Hine, and Howard Rand)
- 1932 "I AM" (Guy Ballard)
- 1932 Congregational Christian Church (uniting of North American Congregationalism [1620] and Christian Church [1820])
- 1934 Evangelical and Reformed Church (Reformed Church [see 1793 & 1867] and Evangelical Synod of North America [see 1872 & 1927] united)
- 1934 Worldwide Church of God (Herbert W. Armstrong)
- 1937 Orthodox Church of Albania
- 1938 Moral Re-Armament (Frank Nathan Daniel Buchman)

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- 1942 The Way International (Victor Paul Weirwille)
- 1945 United Pentecostal Church International (merger Pentecostal Church (PCI) and Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ)
- 1946 Branhamism (William Marion Branham)
- 1948 Latter Rain (George Hawtin, and P.G. Hunt)
- 1950 Urantia Brotherhood (William S. Sadler)
- 1950 Doctrine of the Assumption of Mary (Roman Catholic) - Mary's body was raised from the dead and taken to heaven.
- 1951 Campus Crusade for Christ (William Rohl ["Bill"] Bright [UCLA])
- 1952 Willow Creek Community Church (Bill Hybels)
- 1954 Unification Church (Sun Myung Moon - Pusan, South Korea)
- 1954 Church of Scientology (L. Ron Hubbard)
- 1955 Peoples Temple Christian Church (James [Jim] Warren Jones)
- 1957 Orthodox Church of China
- 1957 United Church of Christ (The Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches united)
- 1958 Church Universal and Triumphant (Mark Prophet)
- 1959 Unitarian Universalist
- 1960 Enkankar - Paul Twitchell
- 1962 Universal Life Church (Kirby J. Hensley)
- 1963 Process Church of the Final Judgement (Robert de Grimston and Mary Anne Maclean)
- 1965 Calvary Chapel (Chuck Smith - California)
- 1968 Children of God (David Brandt Berg - California)
- 1968 Holy Order of MANS (Earl Wilbur Blighton - San Francisco, California)
- 1968 United Methodist Church (unification of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church)
- 1970 Holy Orthodox Church of Japan
- 1970 Orthodox Church in America
- 1971 Jesus People USA (John Herrin Sr.)
- 1971 Church of the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness (Roger Delano Hinkins)
- 1972 Church in Island Pond (Elbert Eugene Spriggs)
- 1973 Jesus Fellowship Church (Noel Stanton)
- 1973 Christian Reconstructionism (Cornelius Van Til - Netherlands)
- 1974 Vineyard Churches (Kenn & Joanie Gulliksen and John Wimber)
- 1979 International Churches of Christ (Kip McKean - Boston)
- 1979 Nation of Yahweh (Hulon Mitchell, Jr.)
- 1979 Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (Daniel Juster)
- 1980 Secular Humanism (Paul Kurtz)
- 1985 Concerned Christians (Monte Kim Miller)
- 1989 Christian Coalition (Pat Robertson - Virginia)
- 1989 Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God (Credonia Mwerinde and Joseph Kibwetere)

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- 1989 Philadelphia Church of God (Gerald Flurry and John Amos)
1990 Promise Keepers (Bill McCartney and Dave Wardell)
1991 Ukrainian Orthodox Churches
1993 Orthodox Church of Czech Lands and Slovakia
1994 Toronto Blessing (Rodney Howard-Browne)
1995 Scientific Pantheism (Paul Harrison)