

Comparative Table of Religious Traditions at the Reformation

	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Anglican</i>	<i>Lutheranism</i>	<i>Reformed</i>	<i>Anabaptist</i>
<i>Guiding Idea</i>	<i>Jesus founded the Church to provide guidance for living and access to divine grace through the Sacraments. (?)</i>	<i>Principle of "the Elizabethan Settlement": the Via Media.</i>	<i>Luther's guiding principle: "justification by faith"</i>	<i>Calvin's guiding principle: the sovereignty of God.</i>	<i>Guiding idea: discipleship (following Jesus) in all things ("No one can truly know Christ except he follow him in life.")</i>
<i>Salvation</i>	<i>faith & works (Augustine: Grace → good works → salvation.)</i>	<i>justification by faith</i>	<i>justification by faith</i>	<i>justification by faith</i>	<i>religious experience of being "born again" necessary</i>
<i>Other Doctrines</i>	<i>"actual righteousness"</i>		<i>"imputed righteousness" "the bondage of the will" Christians remain sinners (no perfectionism).</i>	<i>no free-will: absolute ("double") predestination; Synod of Dort (1618): Total depravity, Unconditional election, Limited atonement, Irresistible grace, final Preservation of the saints (TULIP)</i>	<i>pacifism; Christians not to be in government; no taking of oaths; Hutterites: common ownership of property</i>
<i>Authority</i>	<i>Scripture and Tradition: The Church as the authorized interpreter of Scripture.</i>	<i>Scripture, Tradition, and Reason (the "three-legged stool")</i>	<i>sola scriptura ("Bible only"), as interpreted by scholars</i>	<i>sola scriptura ("Bible only" as the only rule of faith), as interpreted by scholars; "testimony of the Holy Spirit"</i>	<i>sola scriptura, as the Spirit speaks to the individual and the congregation as a whole (consensus of the local gathering)</i>
<i>Scripture</i>		<i>Scripture a "negative norm" (remove only those things contrary to Scripture)</i>	<i>Scripture a "negative norm" (remove only those things contrary to Scripture)</i>	<i>Scripture a "positive norm" (remove whatever is not mentioned in Scripture)</i>	<i>Scripture a "positive norm" (remove whatever is not mentioned in Scripture)</i>
<i>Church Structure</i>	<i>papal authority episcopacy & diocesan structure</i>	<i>rejected papal authority retained episcopacy & dioceses</i>	<i>rejected papal authority rejected episcopacy</i>	<i>rejected papal authority local board of elders & presbyteries</i>	<i>rejected papal authority congregationalism</i>
	<i>The Church = all those who have been baptized (and have not become apostate)</i>	<i>The Church = all those who have been baptized (and have not become apostate)</i>	<i>The Church = all those who have been baptized (and have not become apostate)</i>	<i>The church = believers and their children</i>	<i>The Church = a voluntary association of "born again" believers</i>
	<i>Church-State alliance & religious conformity</i>	<i>Church-State alliance & religious conformity</i>	<i>Church-State alliance (State supreme) & religious conformity</i>	<i>Church-State alliance (Church dominant) & religious conformity</i>	<i>rejected Church-State alliance & religious conformity; Church distinct from society</i>
	<i>priesthood ontological; priests mediate grace to the laity</i>	<i>priesthood ontological; priests mediate grace to the laity</i>	<i>"priesthood of believers"; leadership functional; clergy "ministers of the Word"</i>	<i>"priesthood of believers"; leadership functional; clergy "teaching elders"</i>	<i>anti-clerical (no ordination?)</i>
	<i>clerical celibacy</i>	<i>rejected clerical celibacy</i>	<i>rejected clerical celibacy</i>	<i>rejected clerical celibacy</i>	<i>rejected clerical celibacy</i>
	<i>monasticism</i>	<i>rejected monasticism (but restored in 19th century)</i>	<i>rejected monasticism (but there is one order today)</i>	<i>rejected monasticism</i>	<i>rejected monasticism</i>
<i>Sacraments</i>	<i>infant baptism</i>	<i>infant baptism</i>	<i>infant baptism</i>	<i>infant baptism</i>	<i>rejected infant baptism</i>
	<i>7 sacraments</i>	<i>2 sacraments</i>	<i>2 sacraments</i>	<i>2 sacraments</i>	<i>2 sacraments</i>
	<i>transubstantiation</i>	<i>consubstantiation</i>	<i>"real presence" of Christ's body "in, with and under" the bread</i>	<i>Calvin: spiritually present Zwingli: mere remembrance</i>	<i>mere remembrance</i>
	<i>veneration of saints & relics</i>	<i>rejected veneration of saints & relics</i>	<i>rejected veneration of saints & relics</i>	<i>rejected veneration of saints & relics</i>	<i>rejected veneration of saints & relics</i>
	<i>purgatory and indulgences</i>	<i>rejected purgatory and indulgences</i>	<i>rejected purgatory and indulgences</i>	<i>rejected purgatory and indulgences</i>	<i>rejected purgatory and indulgences</i>