

DENOMINATION SERIES GUIDE

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ABOUT THE GUIDE

The purpose of this guide is to simplify the CITC listener's experience and investigation of CITC's series of materials on denominations. It was created to list and link the series' episodes and highlight who and what is covered in each episode (bullet points correspond with series-episode numbers).

Note: Group names included do not indicate extensive coverage of that group. **View this more as a general index.**

I have additionally added the relevant further reading links provided for each installment.

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THE SERIES

1. [Introduction](#) – covers the approach of the series as a whole and the general format.
 - a. Defines Polity or Church Government
 - i. Defines and explains the basic ecclesiological models.
 - b. Defines Sacraments or Ordinances
 - i. Explains the two positions of interest on baptism
 - ii. Explains the various positions of the Lord's Supper
 - c. Speaks briefly to "High" church and "Low" church.

2. Defining and Counting Denominations – Defines what a denomination is and some conceptions about counting denominations.
 - a. Defines denominations
 - b. Defines cults and explains the limits of the definition of denomination to exclude cults.
 - c. Speaks to the difficulty of counting denominations.
 - d. Speaks to the myth that there are 33,000 Protestant Denominations

3. Anglicanism – **Covers Anglicanism (and Episcopalians).**
 - a. **Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:**
 - i. Church of England
 - ii. The Episcopal Church USA
 - iii. The Anglican Communion
 - iv. Anglo-Catholic
 - b. **Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:**
 - i. Philip Schaff, *The Creeds of Christendom*, Vol. 1 *Bibliotheca symbolica ecclesiae universalis*. (New York: Harper Longmans, 1919), 598-600.
 - ii. [What is the Anglican Communion?](#)
 - iii. J.I. Packer and Joel Scandrett, eds., *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2020), p. 55-63
 - iv. J.I. Packer, “Baptism and Regeneration,” 2013, [http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ART-Baptism and Regeneration Dr Packer.pdf](http://bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/ART-Baptism%20and%20Regeneration%20Dr%20Packer.pdf).
 - v. St. Michaels, “Holy Eucharist Explained within Anglican Thought,” St. Michael the Archangel Anglican Church, 2019, <https://www.stmichaelsanglican.org/blog/holy-eucharist-explained-within-anglican-thought/>.
 - vi. Anglican Compass, “What Do Anglicans Believe about Holy Communion?,” Anglican Compass, 2012, <https://anglicancompass.com/what-do-anglicans-believe-about-holy-communion/>.
 - vii. Wesley Hill, “Is There an Anglican Understanding of the New Testament?,” *Covenant: Living Church*, 2018, <https://covenant.livingchurch.org/2015/05/18/is-there-an-anglican-understanding-of-the-new-testament/>.

- viii. Joe Carter, “9 Things You Should Know about Anglicanism,” The Gospel Coalition, 2014, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-you-should-know-about-anglicanism/>.
- ix. “Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral: Adopted by the House of Bishops Chicago, 1886,” Anglican Communion, n.d., <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/109011/Chicago-Lambeth-Quadrilateral.pdf>.

4. Methodism – Covers Methodism

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Anglicanism
- ii. Moravians
- iii. Methodism
 - 1. United Methodist Church
 - 2. Methodist Episcopal Church (MEC)
 - 3. The Free Methodists
 - 4. Wesleyan Methodists
 - 5. The Wesleyan Church
 - 6. Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- iv. The Holiness Movement
 - 1. Church of Nazarene
 - 2. Salvation Army
 - 3. The Wesleyan Church

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. What’s the Church’s Position on Homosexuality, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-the-churchs-position-on-homosexuality>
- ii. United Methodist Foundational Documents, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/foundational-documents>
- iii. UMC Structure, https://sacjumc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2019-06_umc-structure_by-ryland.pdf
- iv. UMC on Baptism, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/by-water-and-the-spirit-a-united-methodist-understanding-of-baptism>
- v. UMC on Baptism cont., [By Water and the Spirit: A United Methodist Understanding](#)

- vi. The Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion, http://gbod.org.s3.amazonaws.com/legacy/kintera/entry_3541/19/thm-bygc.pdf
- vii. John Nevin, The Mystical Presence, p. 57, pulled from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/holy-communion-and-the-real-presence>
- viii. Communion in the UMC, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-do-i-need-to-know-about-holy-communion-in-the-united-methodist-church>
- ix. The UMC Distinctive, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/are-united-methodist-really-that-different>

5. Lutheranism – Covers Lutheranism

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Ministerium of Pennsylvania
- ii. The General Synod
- iii. The Missouri Synod
- iv. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
- v. Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)
- vi. Wisconsin Synod (WELS)

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. A Critique of the ELCA <https://www.christianpost.com/voices/a-lutheran-denomination-becomes-radically-liberal.html>
- ii. <https://christianityfaq.com/most-conservative-lutheran-synod/>
- iii. Luther, Babylonian Captivity, 36.32
- iv. LCMS, about Doctrine, FAQs on Baptism <https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs/faqs/doctrine#baptism>
- v. Lutheranism and Calvinism, <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/justandsinner/a-lutheran-evaluation-of-the-five-points-of-calvinism/>
- vi. Lutheranism on Arminianism, <https://www.modernreformation.org/resources/articles/a-lutheran-response-to-arminianism>
- vii. On Law and Gospel, <https://www.livinglutheran.org/2007/05/lutheranism-101/>
- viii. On the Sacraments, <https://praiselutheran.com/about/lutheran-belief-and-practice/>

6. The Reformed – covers Dutch Reformed, Presbyterians, and Separatists/Congregationalists

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Dutch Reformed
- ii. Congregationalists
- iii. Puritans
- iv. Particular Baptists
- v. The American Board of Commissioners
- vi. Presbyterians
 1. Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS)
 2. Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)
 3. Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
 4. Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC)
 5. Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC)

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. Differences in Presby Denominations: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/tell-difference-presbyterian-denominations/>
- ii. Presbyterian Church in America, <https://pcanet.org/about-the-pca/>
- iii. Elders and Polity, PCA, [https://www.covenant-pca.com/our-elders#:~:text=Elders%20come%20in%20two%20types,\(Ephesians%204%3A11\).](https://www.covenant-pca.com/our-elders#:~:text=Elders%20come%20in%20two%20types,(Ephesians%204%3A11).)
- iv. Ecclesiastical Structure, <https://pcapolity.com/basics/>
- v. On the Sacraments, <https://pcpc.org/worship/sacraments/>
- vi. What is the Presbyterian and Reformed view of Baptism? <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/presbyterian-reformed-view-baptism>
- vii. OPC on Communion, https://www.opc.org/qa.html?question_id=305
- viii. The Lord's Supper: An Overview, <https://www.trinityjohnstown.com/blog/2017/2/28/the-lords-supper-an-overview>
- ix. Distinctives of Presbyterianism, <https://thegenevanfoundation.com/the-distinctive-marks-of-presbyterianism/>

7. Anabaptists – covers anabaptists and the Mennonites

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Radical Reformers
 - 1. The Anabaptists
 - 2. Spiritualists
 - 3. Rationalists
- ii. The Swiss Brethren
- iii. Mennonites
 - 1. Rosedale Network (Formerly the Conservative Mennonite Conference)
 - 2. Mennonite Church USA
- iv. Amish
- v. Hutterites
- vi. Burderhof

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. On the Mennonite Church, <https://www.themennonitemom.com/post/joining-a-mennonite-church>
- ii. What Menno Got Wrong and the Difference It Makes, <https://anabaptistworld.org/menno-got-wrong-difference-makes/>
- iii. The Rosedale Network, <https://rosedalenetwork.org/about/>
- iv. Statement of Theology, Rosedale Network, <https://rosedalenetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Statement-of-Theology-for-email.pdf>
- v. Statement of Practice, <https://rosedalenetwork.org/about/statement-of-practice/>
- vi. Strawberry Mennonite Church beliefs, <https://strawberrymennonite.com/beliefs-and-doctrine/>
- vii. Mennonite USA on the Lord's Supper, <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/the-lords-supper>
- viii. Thirdway Cafe and Sunning, <http://thirdwaycafe.com/glossary/shunningthe-ban/#:~:text=Mennonites%20today%20do%20not%20practice,in%20the%20late%2017th%20century.>

8. Baptists – Overview of General and Particular Baptists

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. General Baptists [later also: Free Will Baptists]
- ii. Particular [or Reformed] Baptists
- iii. Landmark Baptists
 - 1. American Baptist Association
 - 2. Baptist Missionary Association
- iv. Black Baptists
- v. Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)
- vi. Northern Baptist Convention
- vii. Independent Fundamentalist Baptist
- viii. American Baptist Churches in the USA
- ix. Baptist General Convention of Texas
- x. Conservative Baptist Association of America
- xi. General Association of General Baptists
- xii. National Association of Free Will Baptists

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

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- ii. Further reading on both groups, Origins of the Particular Baptists, Themoelios, vol. 32, is. 3, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/themelios/article/origins-of-the-particular-baptists/>
- iii. A New Exposition of the London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, ed. Rob Ventura, 22
- iv. For more on the 1689, see, To the Judicious and Impartial Reader, Renihan.
- v. More on two streams of baptists, http://ozreformedbaptist.org/faq_in_minute_cat/whats-difference-reformed-baptists-baptists/
- vi. Report in Slavery and Racism in the History of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, <https://www.sbts.edu/history/southern-project/>
- vii. Report of the Baptist Faith and Message Study Committee to the Southern Baptist Convention, <https://bfm.sbc.net/preamble/>

9. Adventists – Overview of Adventists

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Millerites

- ii. American Millennial Association (later Evangelical Adventist Church)
- iii. Advent Christian Church General Conference (ACGC)
- iv. Seventh Day Adventist (SDA)

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. A Brief Exploration of General Baptist Origins, Jesse Owens, <https://www.helwysocietyforum.com/a-brief-exploration-of-general-baptist-origins/>
- ii. General ACGC, <https://www.acgc.us>
- iii. Beliefs, <https://www.acgc.us/about/#Beliefs>
- iv. ACGC On Baptism, <https://www.acgc.us/a-primer-on-baptism/>
- v. <https://www.acgc.us/about/#Beliefs>
- vi. Martin and Johnsson, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-8ohqo1S1Y>
- vii. See Martin again on the John Ankerberg show, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVHWGn3PM_o
- viii. Walter Martin, The Kingdom of the Cults, 6th ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Bethany House Publishers, 2019).
- ix. Top 5 Misconceptions about Seventh Day Adventist Churches, <https://samscreationcblog.wordpress.com/2017/01/03/top-5-misconceptions-about-the-seventh-day-adventist-church/>
- x. SDA on beliefs <https://www.adventist.org/beliefs/>
- xi. Patriarchs and Prophets, <https://m.egwwritings.org/en/book/84.68>
- xii. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/9-things-you-should-know-about-seventh-day-adventism/>

10. Pentecostalism – Overview of Pentecostalism

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Reformed Pentecostals (or Orthodox Pentecostals, Trinitarian Pentecostals)
- ii. Apostolic Faith Church
- iii. The Apostolic Faith Mission Church
- iv. Fire Baptized Holiness Church
- v. Assemblies of God

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. AOG beliefs, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers>

- ii. On Government in the Local Church, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers/Leadership-and-Governance-in-the-Local-Church>
- iii. On ordinances, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Statement-of-Fundamental-Truths#6>
- iv. Official statement on Reformed Theology, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers/Reformed-Theology-Response-of-the-AG-Position-Paper>
- v. Official statement on Baptism in the Holy Spirit, <https://ag.org/Beliefs/Position-Papers/Baptism-in-the-Holy-Spirit>

11. Restorationists (Overview of Church of Christ and Non-Denom)

a. Groups Mentioned [In the order that they appear]:

- i. Campbellites
- ii. Stoneites
- iii. Christian Churches
- iv. Church of Christ
- v. Disciples of Christ
- vi. Non-Denominational
- vii. International Churches of Christ (ICOC)

b. Articles/Works cited [In the Order that they appear]:

- i. Olson, Roger E.; Mead, Frank S.; Hill, Samuel S.; Atwood, Craig D.. Handbook of Denominations in the United States, 14th edition (p. 438). Abingdon Press.
- ii. www.church-of-christ.org
- iii. www.icoc.org
- iv. www.cctoday.com
- v. www.disciples.org
- vi.

12. Miscellaneous (Brief discussion of the following groups)

- a. Quakers
- b. Fundamentalists
- c. Calvary Chapel
- d. Messianic Jews