

What Does it Mean to be: *Reformed*

Swiss Reformation, part 2

Anabaptists & the Swiss Brethren

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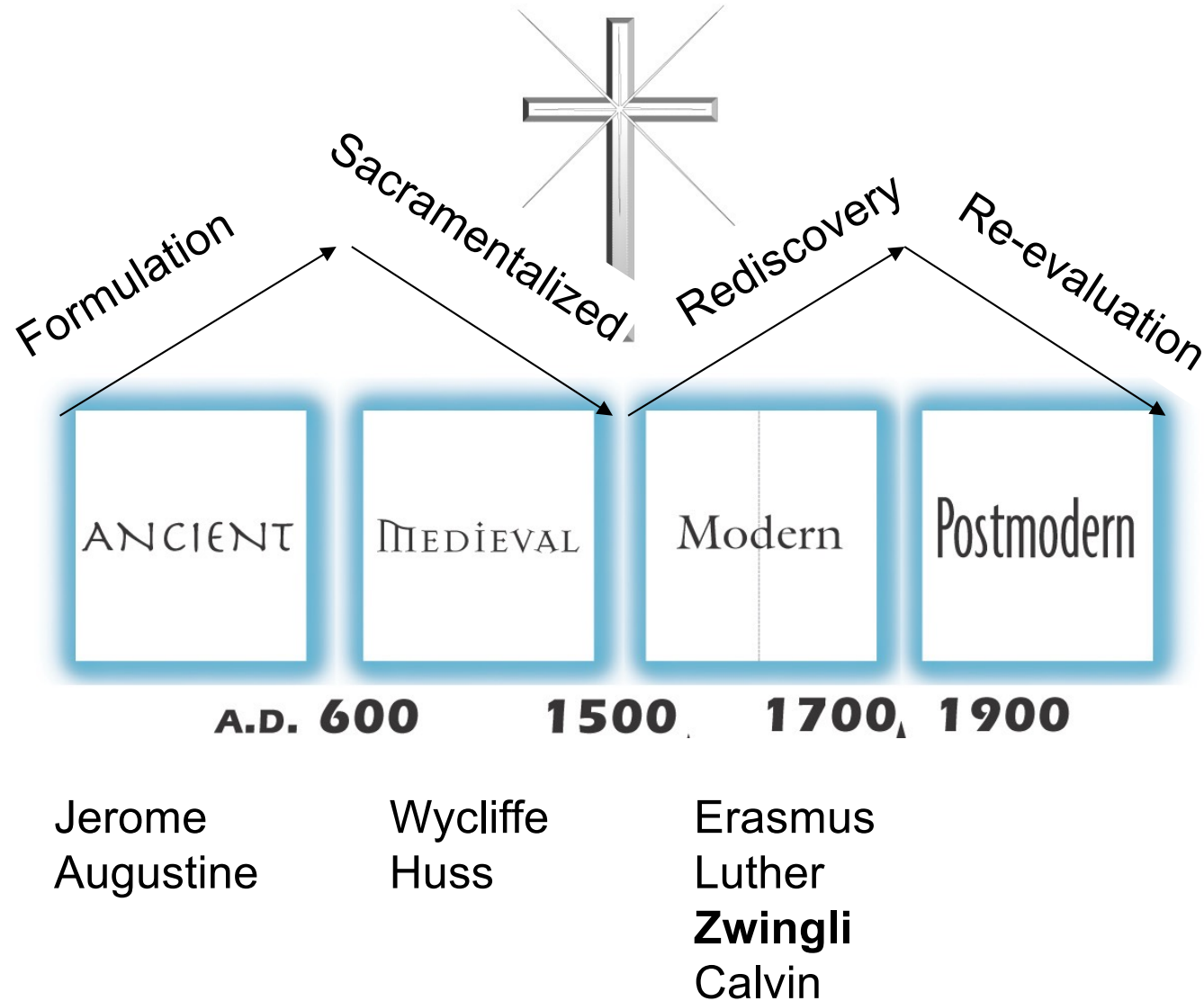
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Swiss Cantons



The Divisions of History



4 Views of the Lord's Table

of the 16th-17th Centuries

Real Presence

Memorial

Review

Roman
Catholic

Physical

Trans-
substantiation
*(objective,
sacrificial,
local)*

Luther

Physical

Con-
substantiation
*(sacramental
union,
illocal)*

Calvin

Spiritual

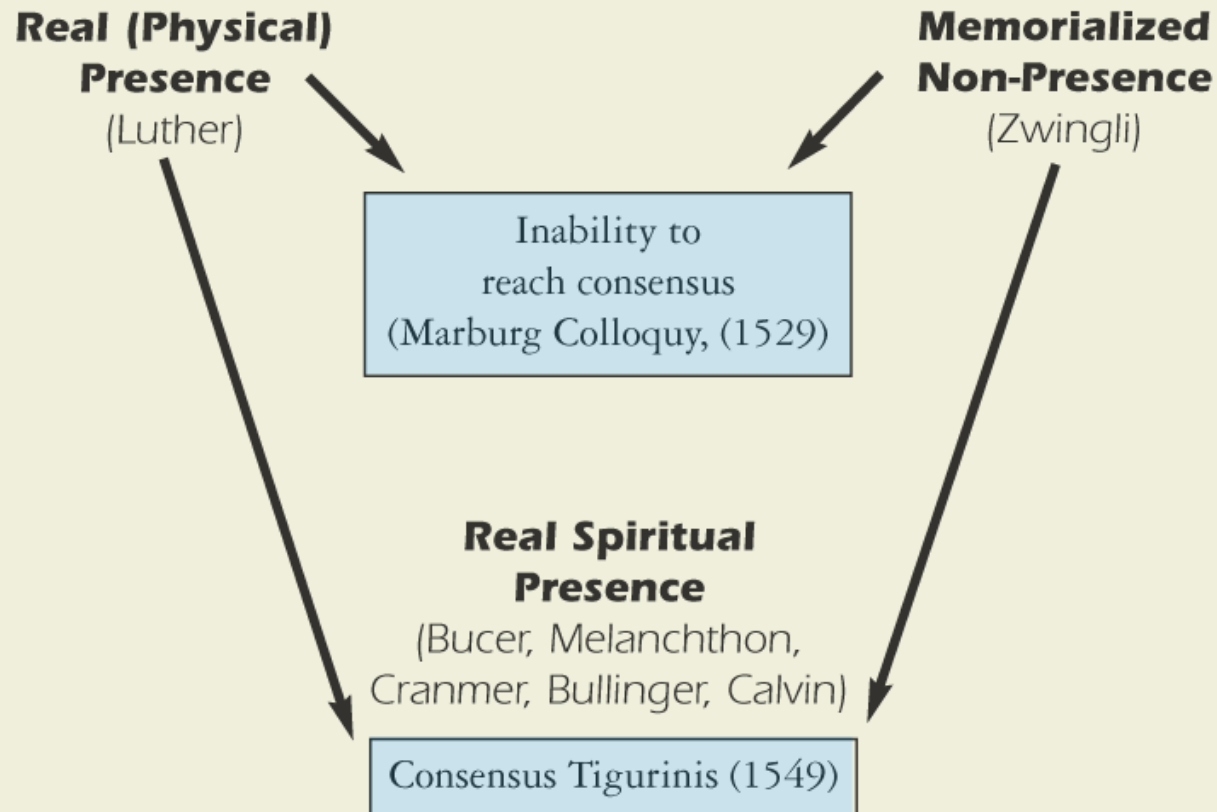
Reformed
*(visible,
sign and seal)*

Zwingli

Symbolic

Represents
(remembrance)

The Great Eucharistic Divide



Modern Church on “Presence”: Real vs. Symbolic

- Catholic
- Eastern Orthodox
- Moravian Church
- Lutheranism
- Anglicanism
- Methodism
- Reformed Church

- Anabaptist
- General Baptist
- Plymouth Brethren
- Non-denominational
- *liberal* Christianity

Lutheran vs. Reformed (*Zwingli*)

Review

Permissive

Catholic-style art

Episcopal structure

Catholic-style liturgy, Music

Eucharist (trans → consubstantiation)

Prince's protection

Prescriptive

Bible verses

Presbyterian style

Scripture, Prayer, Sermon

Symbolic Supper

Convince Magistrates.

And now...

Discussion Question:

Were you baptized as:

- A baby?
- A believer?
- Both?

Anabaptists & the Swiss Brethren

The forgotten tradition

Objectives

By the end of this session, you should be able to

- Differentiate **Baptism** practices
- Discuss the distinctives of the **Anabaptists**: leaders, beliefs, and behaviors
- Trace the offshoots of the **Swiss Brethren**: legacy.

Anabaptists

“re-baptism”

- Forgotten tradition of Swiss Brethren
- Opposed by: **Catholics, Luther, Zwingli, & Calvin**
- **Bullinger**: *“Against the Tricks of the Catabaptists”*

i.e., *opposed-to* baptism.

Anabaptist Leaders

- **Konrad Grebel**

- From patrician family in Zurich
- Misspent youth at Univ. of Vienna & Paris



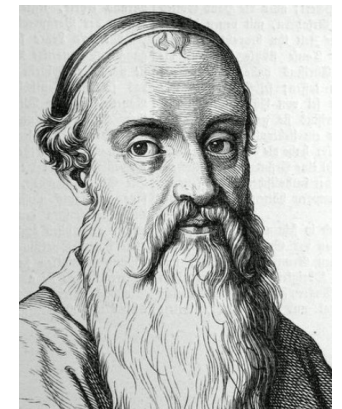
- **Felix Manz**

- Hebrew scholar, illegitimate son of Grossmünster canon



- **Menno Simonsz**

- Dutch priest in Holland → Mennonites



Anabaptist: *Beliefs*

- *Sola scriptura*
 - Literal interpretation (Sermon on the Mount)
- Gathered Church/Free Church
 - Out of the world: not state, or folk church born into
- Separation of Church & State
 - Some Pacifists, wouldn't swear civil oaths
- Excommunication
 - Ban, shun, shame
- Believer's (*credo*) Baptism only: “*Again-baptism*”
 - “Sign of inward work of grace, already accomplished.”

Anabaptist: *Behavior*

- Young, idealistic, impetuous, impatient
- Wouldn't baptize their babies – *broke franchise*
- Zwingli debated them publicly – *given deadline*
- January 21, 1525, in Zollikon (outside Zurich)
 - **Grebel** baptized **Jorg Blaurock**
- Zurich City Council condemned them
 - **Manz** was drowned by authorities (3rd baptism)
 - Extensive persecution.

Baptism in the Early Church

Believers		
SECOND CENTURY	110	Barnabas—"Those who place their hope in the cross" (<i>Epistle of Barnabas</i> 11.8)
	160	Justin Martyr—"Those who are persuaded and believe" (<i>First Apology</i> , chapter 61)
THIRD CENTURY	220	Tertullian—opposed infant baptism (<i>On Baptism</i> 18)
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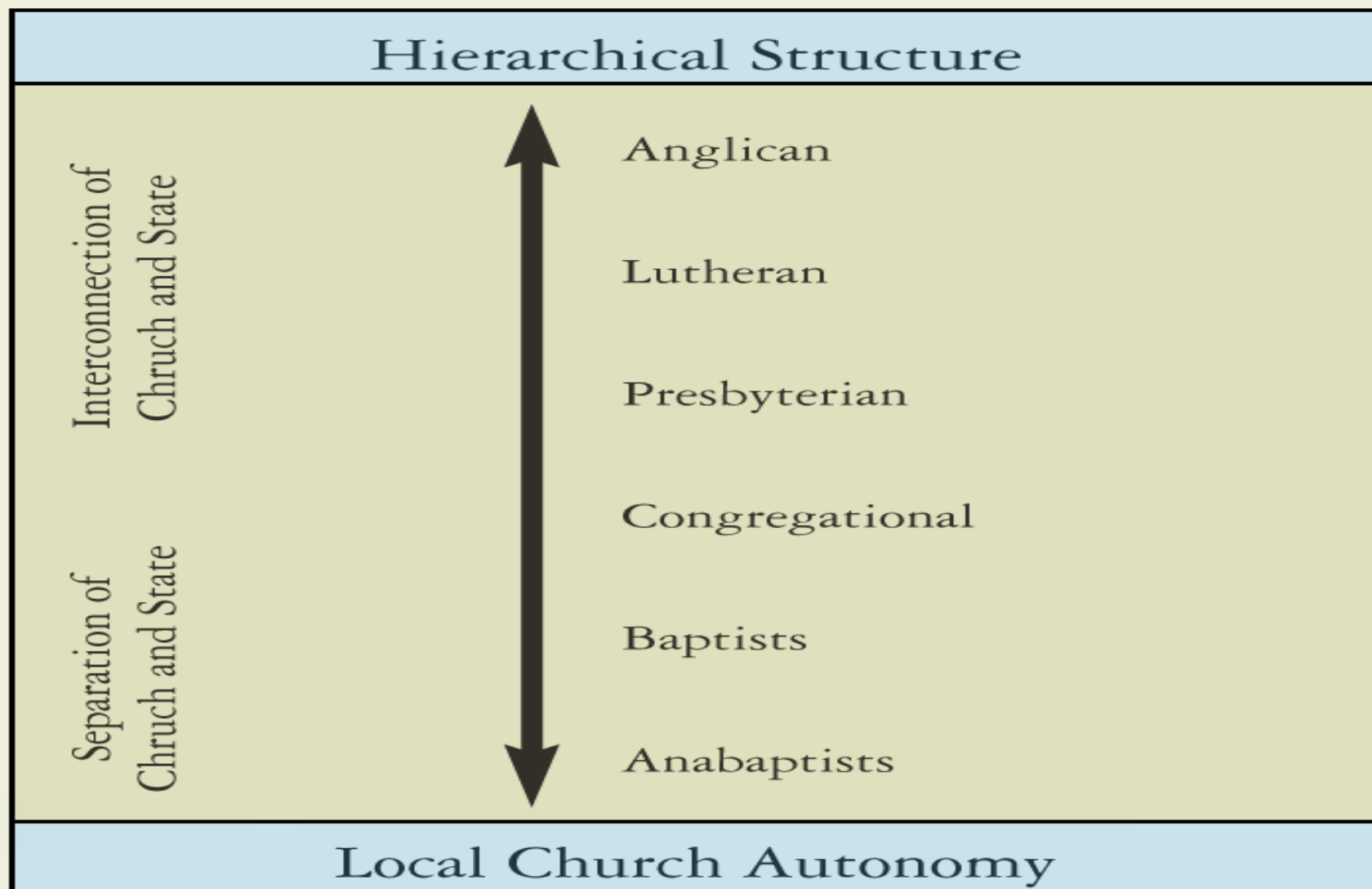
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Infants		
	220	Irenaeus—earliest reference to infant baptism (<i>Against All Heresies</i> II. 22.4)
	230	Origen—earliest to claim apostolic custom (<i>Homily on Luke</i> 14.5)
	250	Cyprian—earliest explicit defense for newborn babes (<i>Epistle</i> 58)
FOURTH CENTURY	350	<i>Apostolic Constitutions</i> —the first explicit command (VI.15)
FIFTH CENTURY	430	Augustine—used as an argument for original sin against Pelagius

Infant baptism is by this time a general practice

Two Protestant Approaches to Reformation

MAGISTERIAL REFORMATION	RADICAL REFORMATION
Reform the Church	Reinstitute the Church
Gradual Change	Immediate Change
Endorse State Church	Reject State Church
Accept Concept of a Christian Magistrate (Political Authority)	Reject Concept of a Christian Magistrate (Political Authority)
Infant Baptism	Believer's Baptism

Views on Church Governance in the Protestant Reformation Teaching



Anabaptist/Swiss Brethren Heritage

- Moravia, Hesse (N. Germany)
- Holland
 - **Menno Simons** – Mennonites
 - **Jacob Ammann** – Amish (*Pennsylvania Dutch*)
- English Separatists
- English Baptists
 - General Baptists (1612): Arminian
 - Particular Baptists (1633): Calvinistic.

Anabaptist/Swiss Brethren Heritage

continued

- American Anabaptists
 - Germantown, PA (1680s)
- American Mennonites
 - Berks County → Lancaster, PA (1709)
- American Amish
 - Lancaster, PA (Jacob Ammann, Switzerland → Alsace)
- American Baptists
 - Roger Williams (Providence, RI).

4 Views of Baptist Beginnings

Continental

- *Zurich*,
- Holland,
- England

English Separatists (1)

- Calvinistic Puritans,
- non-Anglican,
- Holland,
- 1612 England,

*General
Baptists*

English Separatists (2)

- non-Anglican,
non-Presby,
Congregational
- credo-baptism
- 1644 London,

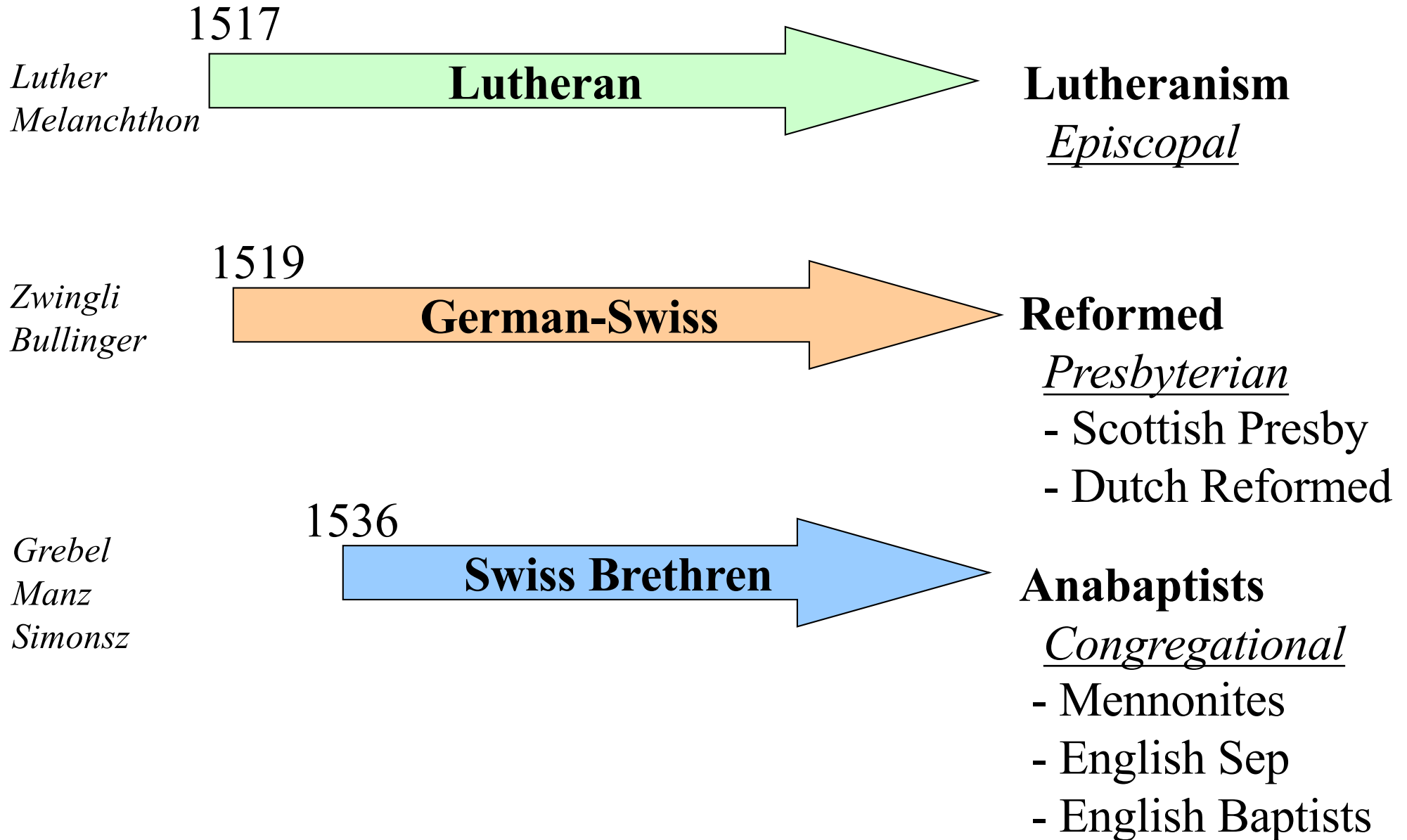
*Particular
Baptist
Confession*

Silver Line of Grace

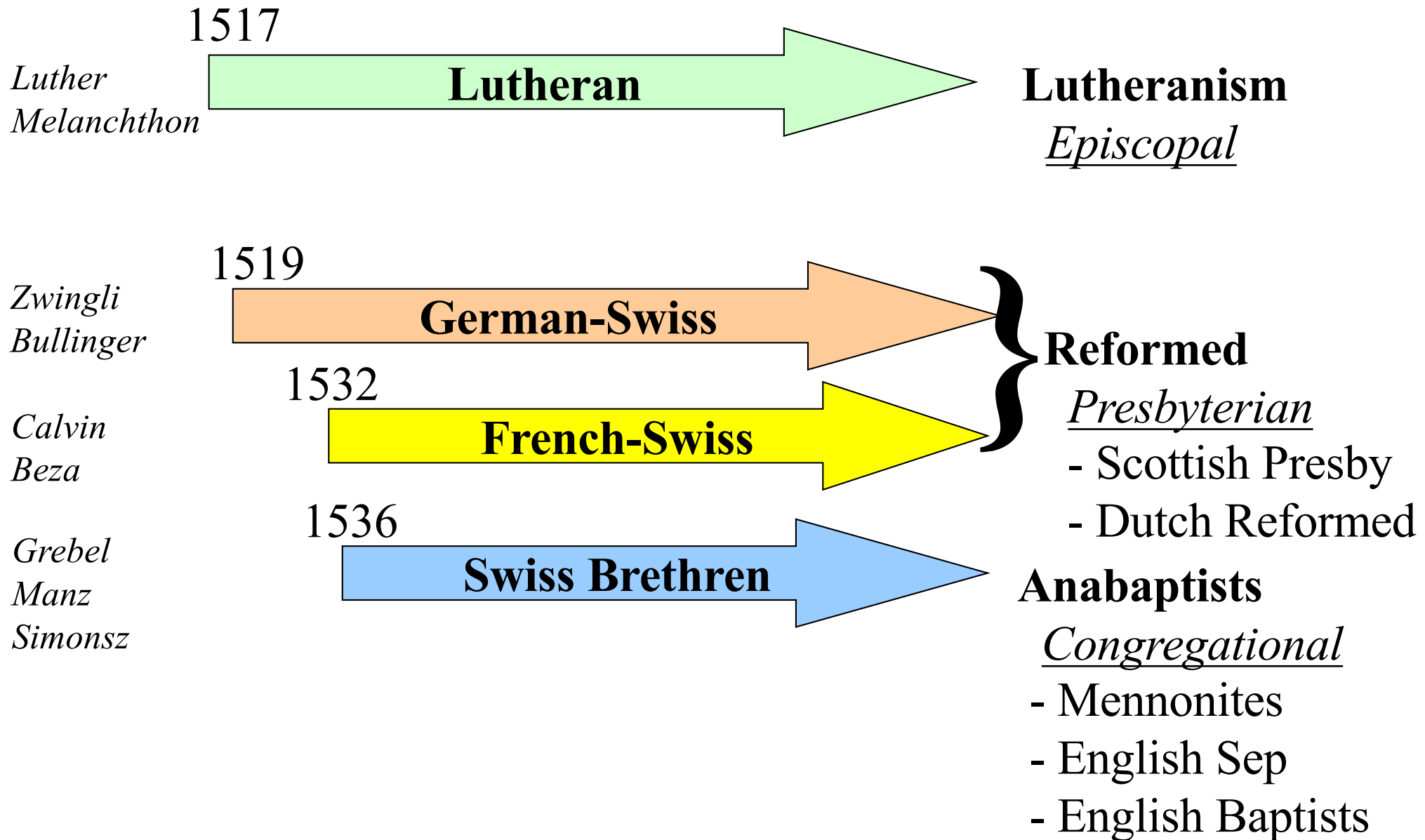
- non-Protestant
birth of Church
1851 US,

Landmarkism

Reformation Traditions



Reformation Traditions



1-Word Summary

- Catholic Church Merit
- Luther Justification
- Zwingli Sovereignty
- Anabaptists Credobaptism.