

The Gospel in Christian Traditions

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	<i>View of tradition</i>	<i>Fundamental aspect of salvation</i>	<i>Sacraments?</i>	<i>Polity?</i>	<i>Cultural/political engagement</i>	<i>Emphases in Christian life</i>
Orthodox:	liturgical Tradition	<i>theosis</i>	2 chief sacraments	patriarchates	caesaropapist	ascetic, mystical (icons)
Catholic:	magisterial Tradition	beatific vision	7	papal	synthetic, w/ subsidiarity	sacramental, cooperative (classically: monastic)
Lutheran:	<i>sola Scriptura</i> , as necessary	justification by faith alone	2 chief, as effective signs	moderately episcopalian	paradoxical 2 kingdoms	getting used to justification
Reformed:	<i>sola Scriptura</i> w/ ministerial tradition	covenantal union w/ Christ	2, as signs and seals	presbyterian	transform.	progressive growth in grace
Anabaptist:	radical <i>sola Scriptura</i>	discipleship	generally 2 ordinances	congreg.	separatist	progressive growth in grace
Anglican:	<i>sola Scriptura</i> , as necessary w/ prudence	?!	various	episcopalian	originally estab. ch. w/ missions	progressive growth in grace in grace but broad church
Baptist:	noncreedal <i>sola Scriptura</i>	?!	2 ordinances	congreg.	separatist w/ exceptions	often Keswick (consecration moments re letting go)
Wesleyan:	<i>sola Scriptura</i> w/ prudence and exper.	forgiveness and holiness	2	moderately episcopalian	transform. re holiness and justice	perfect love
Pentecostal:	<i>sola Scriptura</i> w/ prophecy and exper.	forgiveness and holiness	generally 2 ordinances	generally denom.	separatist and/or trans.	baptism w/ HS and special gifts