



## World Religions Part 8: Christian Denominations

Protestant Reformation

The Great Awakenings in America

1. First Awakening
2. Second Awakening
3. Third Awakening
4. Fourth Awakening

Major Denominations in the U.S.:

1519 – Lutheran

1519 – Episcopal and Anglican

1520 – Mennonite and Anabaptist

1540 – Reformed and Presbyterian

1611 – Baptist

1708 – Brethren and Pietist

1766 – Methodist

1811 – Christian and Restorationist

1837 – Holiness

1845 – Adventist

1901 – Pentecostal

1910 – Fundamentalist, Bible and Conservative Evangelical





### Takeaway:

Denominations exist today, as well as many branches of those denominations, because... well, people are people. Each of us should determine if the denomination/church to which we belong is, first and most importantly, in alignment with God's Word, and, secondly, with our personal values and beliefs.

### Study/Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the Protestant Reformation so significant to the history of Christianity?
2. Do you think it is important that we have many denominations to choose from? Why or why not?
3. What denominations were new to you? What did you learn about a denomination(s) you didn't previously know?
4. What is your denominational/church background? What theology and practices have remained consistent for you and what has changed? Why?

