

History of the Christian Church Part 3

- Political considerations and impacts following the Reformation
- As the national landscape changes, it leads to Christian parochialism in many nations
- Schisms occur around several key doctrines
 - Who is in charge – Is there a central entity or is it local?
 - Who establishes doctrine?
 - Tradition
 - Scripture
 - A central entity
 - Human reason
 - What is Baptism – an outward symbol we should follow, or a means Christ established to bring us to faith and strengthen us in our daily walk, as well as comfort for us when we approach our own death or the death of a loved one?
 - What is Holy Communion – an outward symbol we should follow or a means by which Christ gives us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, strength in life and comfort in our own death?
 - What is Worship?
 - A means to touch emotions and inspire us in life?
 - A means to glorify God in our words and songs and teaching?
 - A means to connect with the worship traditions the believers have done for 2000 years.
 - A combination of everything.

