

# **DOCTRINAL HERITAGE of THE REFORMATION**

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Doctrine	<b>“Anabaptists”—Radicals</b>	<b>Reformed</b>	<b>Lutheran</b>	<b>Anglican</b>	<b>Roman Catholic</b>
<b>Soteriology (Salvation)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salvation is free to all but only applicable to believers</li> <li>- Personal faith also means that one becomes a disciple in the sense used in the 4 Gospels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salvation is for the Elect alone.</li> <li>- 5 Point Calvinism.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salvation is for anyone who believes the Gospel.</li> <li>- Infant baptism confuses the issue of justification by faith alone.</li> </ul>	<p>Vasclates</p> <pre> graph TD     V[Vasclates] --&gt; C[Calvin]     V --&gt; A[Arminian]     C &lt;--&gt; A     C &amp; A --&gt; Cat[Catholic]             </pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salvation mediated through the 7 Sacraments solely dispensed by R.C. Priests</li> <li>- No salvation outside the Roman Catholic Church</li> </ul>
<b>Ecclesiology (The Church)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pastor / Elders: Spiritually gifted men</li> <li>- Congregational Emphasis</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE CHURCH Yes – No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presbyterian: Pastors and Elected Elders</li> <li>Or</li> <li>- Congregational</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE CHURCH Yes – No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synodical Bishops</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE CHURCH Yes – No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Episcopal Bishops</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">STATE CHURCH Yes – No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Episcopal with Supreme Pontif + tight hierarchy</li> <li>-Pope</li> <li>-Cardinals</li> <li>-Papal Curia</li> <li>-Diplomatic Corp</li> <li>-Archbishops</li> <li>-Secular Clergy</li> <li>STATE CHURCH</li> <li>Yes – No</li> </ul>
<b>Eschatology (End Times)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Millennialists</li> <li>- Some Premillennialists</li> </ul>	Amillennial	Amillennial	Amillennial	Amillennial
<b>Infant Baptism</b>	Yes - No	Yes – No	Yes – No	Yes – No	Yes – No
<b>Geographic Areas of Influence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Switzerland, 16<sup>th</sup> C.</li> <li>- Moravia, 17<sup>th</sup> C.</li> <li>- England, 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> C.</li> <li>- America, 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> C.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Switzerland</li> <li>- Fr. Huguenots</li> <li>- Holland</li> <li>- England</li> <li>- America</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No. Europe</li> <li>- Scandinavia</li> <li>- America</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- England</li> <li>- America</li> <li>- Africa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- So. Europe</li> <li>- America, Late 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> C.</li> </ul>

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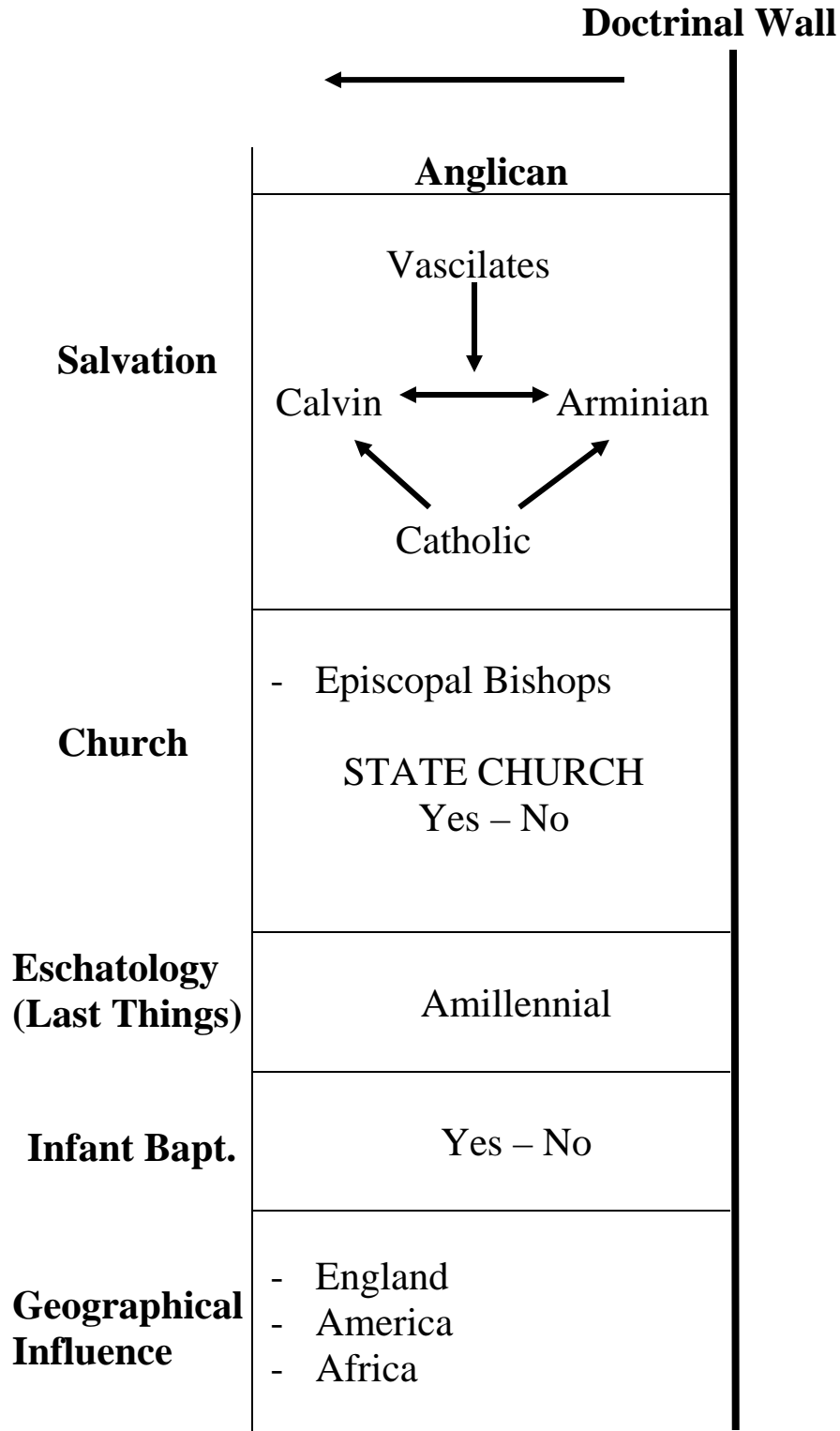
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(for maintaining <i>status quo</i> )	
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<b>Eschatology (Last Things)</b>	Amillennial
<b>Infant Bapt.</b>	Yes – No
<b>Geographical Influence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- So. Europe</li> <li>- No. America &amp; So. America</li> </ul>

- 1) Baptism
- 2) Confession, Age 7 (Right to Holy Communion)
- 3) Eucharist / Mass
- 4) Confirmation, Age 12
- 5) Marriage
- 6) Priesthood / Celibacy
- 7) Last Rights