

Major Christian Traditions at a Glance

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13

Tradition	Key Distinctive
Catholic	Recognizes the Pope's authority; emphasizes the sacraments and church tradition.
Eastern Orthodox	Emphasizes ancient liturgy, icons, and continuity with the early church.
Protestant — Reformed	Emphasizes God's sovereignty in salvation (e.g., Presbyterian traditions).
Protestant — Baptist	Emphasizes believer's baptism and local church autonomy.
Protestant — Methodist/Wesleyan	Emphasizes personal holiness and God's grace available to all.
Protestant — Pentecostal/Charismatic	Emphasizes the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, including spiritual gifts.
Non-denominational	Not formally tied to a denomination, though beliefs vary widely by church.

This is a broad, simplified overview — individual churches within each tradition vary widely.