

	Year 1,000 = Rome	Year 1500 = Reformation; Sola Scriptura	Year 2000 = Post Modern: Sola Spiritus
Authority for the Church	Rome	Scripture; manual, rule book	Holy Spirit
Character	Dictated	Rigid; black/white	Fluid/dynamic
Power	Rome	BOOK/congregation	HOLY SPIRIT/individual
Worship	Spectator	Spectator → participatory	To be experienced
Nature of the Church	Controlled	Determined	Open Ended; evolving; ever new
Role of the Pastor	Servant of Rome	Learned; Has Answers	Companion; Helps me find my own answers
Obedience	Obedience to authority	Obedience to the Book	Obedience to the Holy Spirit; more open and empowering of the individual
Opportunity for change	Not possible	Restricted	Open and dynamic
Flexibility	None	Limited	YES; “contextual” -- not all need to be alike
Empowering of the Individual	None	Limited	Empowering; encouraged to grow in the Spirit
Nature of the Faith	Dictated	Limited; didactic; book learning; How many Bible verses does one know?	Relational; relationship with God is more important than knowledge of the Book; not how many verses one knows but rather how deep is one’s Love of God!!
Religion Formation	Dictated by Rome	Learn the Book!! (Confirmation)	Develop an ever deepening relationship with God
Organization	Tightly controlled	Structured; defined (confined)	Flexible, open, contextual, dynamic
Purpose	Glorify God through Rome	Salvation through Learning; knowing the Book	Salvation through relationship; being in Love with God/Jesus
Focus	Doctrine	Scripture	Practice
Structure	Bound/Controlled	Institutional; often focused on the survival of the institution	Movement; organized strictly for action; outreach
Orthodoxy (right belief)	Given by Rome	According to the Book	Not orthodoxy but orthopraxis

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