

The Anabaptists and Menno Simons


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“You have no right to refer these questions to the council. The matter is already settled; the Spirit of God has decided.”

-- Simon Stumpf to Zwingli




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Schleitheim Articles

Dear brothers and sisters, we who have been assembled in the Lord at Schleitheim make known, in points and articles, unto all that love God, that as far as we are concerned, we have been united to stand fast in the Lord as obedient children of God, sons and daughters, **who have been and shall be separated from the world in all that we do and leave undone,** and (the praise and glory be to God alone) uncontradicted by all the brothers, completely at peace.

Schleitheim Articles

A very great offense has been introduced by some false brothers among us, whereby several have turned away from the faith, thinking to practice and observe the **freedom of the Spirit** and of Christ. But such have fallen short of the truth and (to their own condemnation) are given over to the lasciviousness and license of the flesh. **They have esteemed that faith and love may do and permit everything** and that nothing can harm nor condemn them, since they are "believers.“ Note well, you members of God in Christ Jesus, that **faith in the heavenly Father through Jesus Christ is not thus formed**;

Schleitheim Article 1

Notice concerning baptism. **Baptism shall be given to all those who have been taught repentance and the amendment of life** and [who] believe truly that their sins are taken away through Christ, and to all those who desire to walk in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and be buried with Him in death, so that they might rise with Him; to all those who with such an understanding themselves desire and request it from us; **hereby is excluded all infant baptism, the greatest and first abomination of the pope.** For this you have the reasons and the testimony of the writings and the practice of the apostles.

Schleitheim Article 6

VI. We have been united as follows concerning the sword. **The sword is an ordering of God outside the perfection of Christ.** It punishes and kills the wicked and guards and protects the good. In the law the sword is established over the wicked for punishment and for death and the secular rulers are established to wield the same.

But within the perfection of Christ only the ban is used for the admonition and exclusion of the one who has sinned, without the death of the flesh, simply the warning and the command to sin no more.

Schleitheim Article 6

(This) is asked concerning the sword: **whether the Christian should be a magistrate** if he is chosen thereto. This is answered thus: Christ was to be made king, but He fled and did not discern the ordinance of His Father. Thus we should also do as He did and follow after Him, and we shall not walk in darkness. For He Himself says: "Whoever would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." **He Himself further forbids the violence of the sword when He says: "The princes of this world lord it over them etc., but among you it shall not be so."** Further Paul says, "Whom God has foreknown, the same he has also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son," etc. Peter also says: "Christ has suffered (not ruled) and has left us an example, that you should follow after in his steps."



Anna Janz, letter to her son

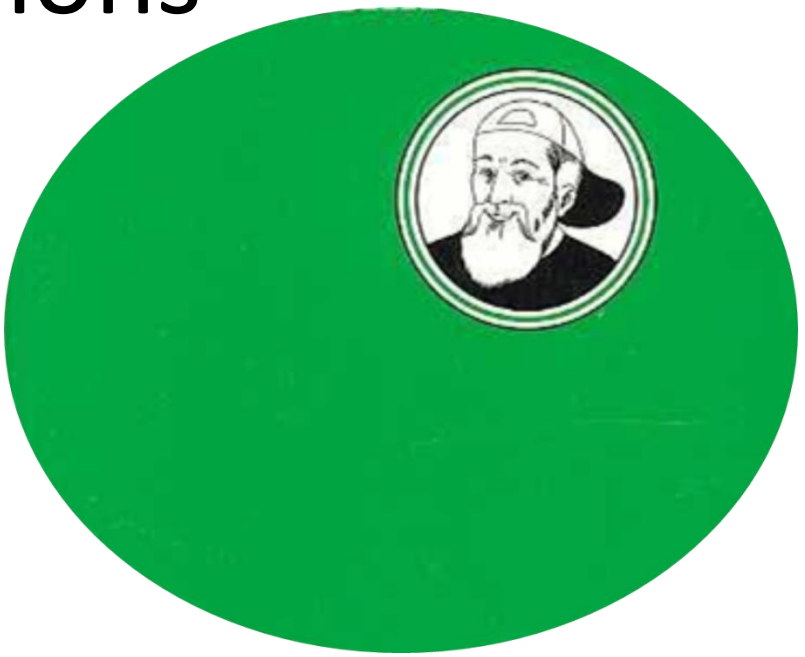
My son, hear the instruction of your mother; open your ears to hear the words of my mouth. ***Behold, I go today the way of the prophets, apostles and martyrs, and drink of the cup of which they all have drank. I go, I say, the way which Christ Jesus*** *- the eternal word of the Father, full of grace and truth, the Shepherd of the sheep, who is the Life - Himself went, and who went this way and not another, and who had to drink of this cup, even as He said: I have a cup to drink of, and a baptism to be baptized with….*

Therefore, my child, do not regard the great number, nor walk in their ways. But where you hear of a poor, simple, cast-off little flock, which is despised and rejected by the world, join them; for where you hear of the cross, there is Christ. Flee the shadow of this world; become united with God;

O my son, let your life be conformed to the gospel*, and the God of peace sanctify your soul and body, to his praise. Amen.*

Menno Simons



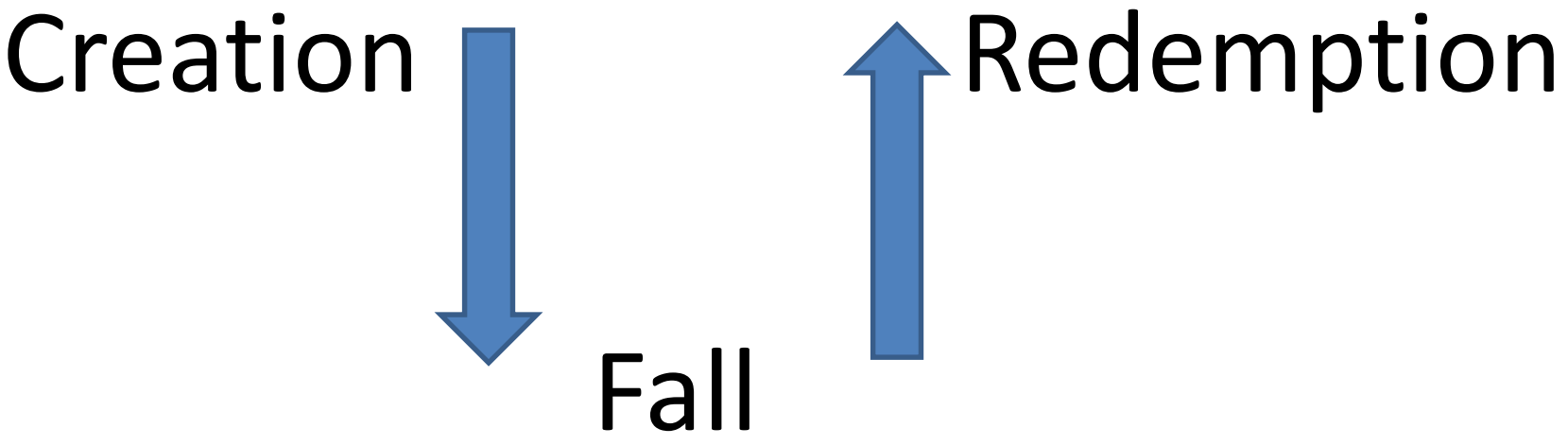


“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.”

1 Corinthians 3:11

“True evangelical faith cannot lie dormant. It clothes the naked, it feeds the hungry, it comforts the sorrowful, it shelters the destitute, it serves those that harm it, it binds up that which is wounded, it has become all things to all people.”

-- Menno Simons, 1539


Creation
Fall
Redemption

THE TREE OF LIFE

I am with you always, even to the end of the age AMEN. (MATTHEW 28:20)

Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today, and Forever. (HEB 13:8)

EASTERN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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The Faith which was ONCE for all delivered to the Saints. (JUDE 3)

Stand fast and hold the traditions you were taught whether by word of mouth or by letter. (2 THES 2:15)

ARE YOU IN THE TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST?

THE GREAT SCHISM: 1054 AD

Took place when the Bishop of Rome who is also known as the POPE broke off from the True Church because he wanted to be the head and started to change things that were forbidden to be changed. Prior to this, the Church was united for about 1000 years.

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH (EPHESIANS 5:23)

If anyone does not abide in me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; And they gather them and throw them into the fire. And they are burned. (JOHN 15:6)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

All Orthodox credal formulas, liturgical texts, and doctrinal Statements affirm the claim that the Orthodox Church has preserved the original apostolic faith, which was also expressed in the common Christian tradition of the first centuries.

Encyclopedia Britannica #3 article on Eastern Orthodoxy

ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM
(EPHESIANS 4:5)

The Church of the Living God the Pillar and support of the Truth (1 TIM 3:15)

The Holy Spirit will guide you (The Church) into all Truth. (John 16:13)

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC (ie. Universal) APOSTOLIC CHURCH

I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not overpower it. (Matthew 16:18)

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION: 1517 A.D.

Took place when people protested to the Roman Catholic institution who had changed the True Teachings of the Church. But instead of returning to Orthodoxy, they created their own man-made churches, which continue to disagree and split among themselves because they are false and there is no Holy Spirit to guide them. Today there are over 2000 different Protestant groups!

IS CHRIST DIVIDED? (1 CORINTHIANS 1:13)

LUTHERAN: 1517

ANGLICAN: 1534 BAPTIST: 1600s

REFORMED: 1628 PRESBYTARIAN: 1640 BRETHREN: 1719

METHODIST: 1744 CHURCH OF CHRIST: 1907 MORMON: 1830

7th DAY ADVENTIST: 1844 CRISTADELPHIAN: 1848

JEHOVAHS WITNESSES: 1870 SALVATION ARMY: 1878

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: 1879 PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF GOD: 1900s

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 1908 ARMSTRONGISM (THE PLAIN TRUTH) 1934

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For the time will come when they will not endure Sound Doctrine but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables (2 TIM 4:3-4)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in the later times some will depart from The Faith giving heed to Deceiving spirits and Doctrines of Demons. (1 TIM 4:1)

...Twisting the Scriptures to their own destruction. (2 PETER 3:16)

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (ECUMENISM): 1948

SOME EARLY HERESIES
(FALSE TEACHINGS)

GNOSTIC (1st and 2nd Cent)
ARIAN (4th Cent)
NESTORIAN (5th Cent)
MONOPHYSITE (5th Cent)
ICONOCLAST (8th Cent)