

## R&W - Why doesn't Christianity always look the same?

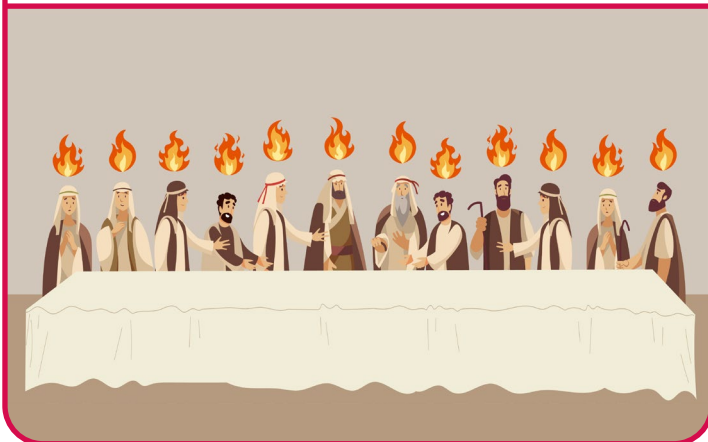
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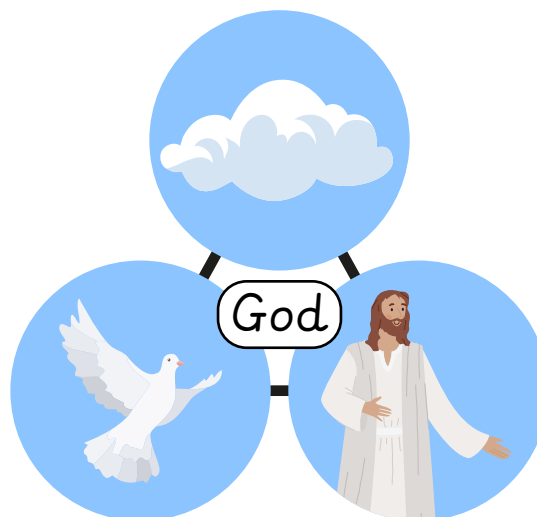
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<b>denomination*</b>	A group of people within the same religion with slightly different beliefs and understandings to others.	<b>interpretation*</b>	An explanation or understanding of what something means.
<b>devotion*</b>	Love, commitment or enthusiasm for a person, activity or cause.	<b>Pentecost</b>	A Christian festival celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit.
<b>Holy Communion</b>	A Christian ceremony where people eat bread and drink wine (or juice).	<b>The Trinity*</b>	The Christian belief of God as The Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.
<b>Holy Spirit*</b>	The third part of the Christian Trinity, believed to be God's presence in the world guiding and empowering believers.	<b>worship</b>	Showing love, respect and praise to a god or gods.

After Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples were visited by the Holy Spirit\*, which enabled them to speak in tongues - languages they had not known before. This helped them spread Jesus' teachings to many people.



The Christian Trinity\* represents God in three forms: the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit.



Important leaders, like Emperor Constantine, accepted and practised Christianity. He helped make it legal and more accepted in the Roman Empire, which encouraged many others to become Christian too.

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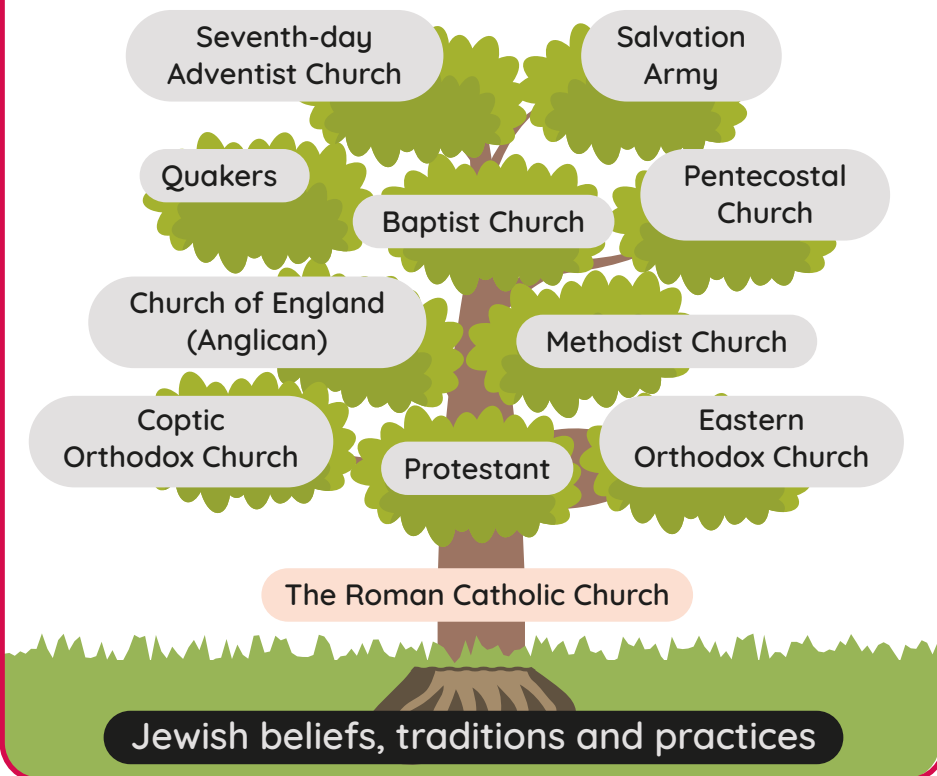
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New denominations\* of Christianity have formed:

- ▶ Luther challenged some of the ways priests were behaving. He wanted everyone to be able to read and understand the Bible, and many people agreed, following him.
- ▶ Henry VIII wanted to make his own rules. He split from the Church and made himself the Head of the Church of England.
- ▶ People place emphasis on different beliefs and ways of worship.



People worship in different ways:

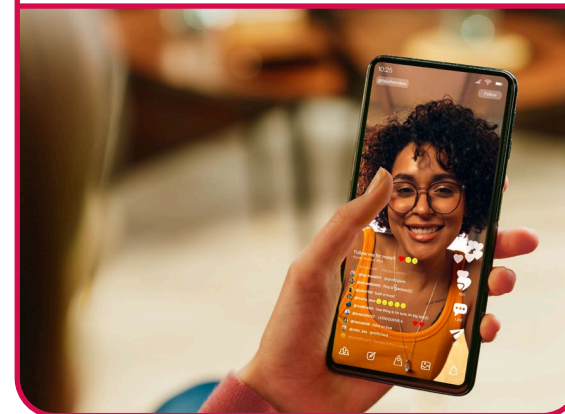
- ▶ Lively and calmly.
- ▶ At home, in a church, in a meeting room and outside.
- ▶ Focusing on the Holy Spirit, God, helping others and Jesus.
- ▶ Outwardly through action and inwardly through reflection.

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Over time, modern adaptations have emerged in Christianity:

- ▶ Bible apps allow people to access scripture on the go.
- ▶ Bands play new genres of music during worship.
- ▶ Social media is used to share beliefs and stream services.
- ▶ People can attend church services from home through live-streaming.



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