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Why So Many?  
Why So Different?

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# History Helps Us Understand

“History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say, ‘Here is something new!’ But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new.”

-Ecclesiastes 1:9-10



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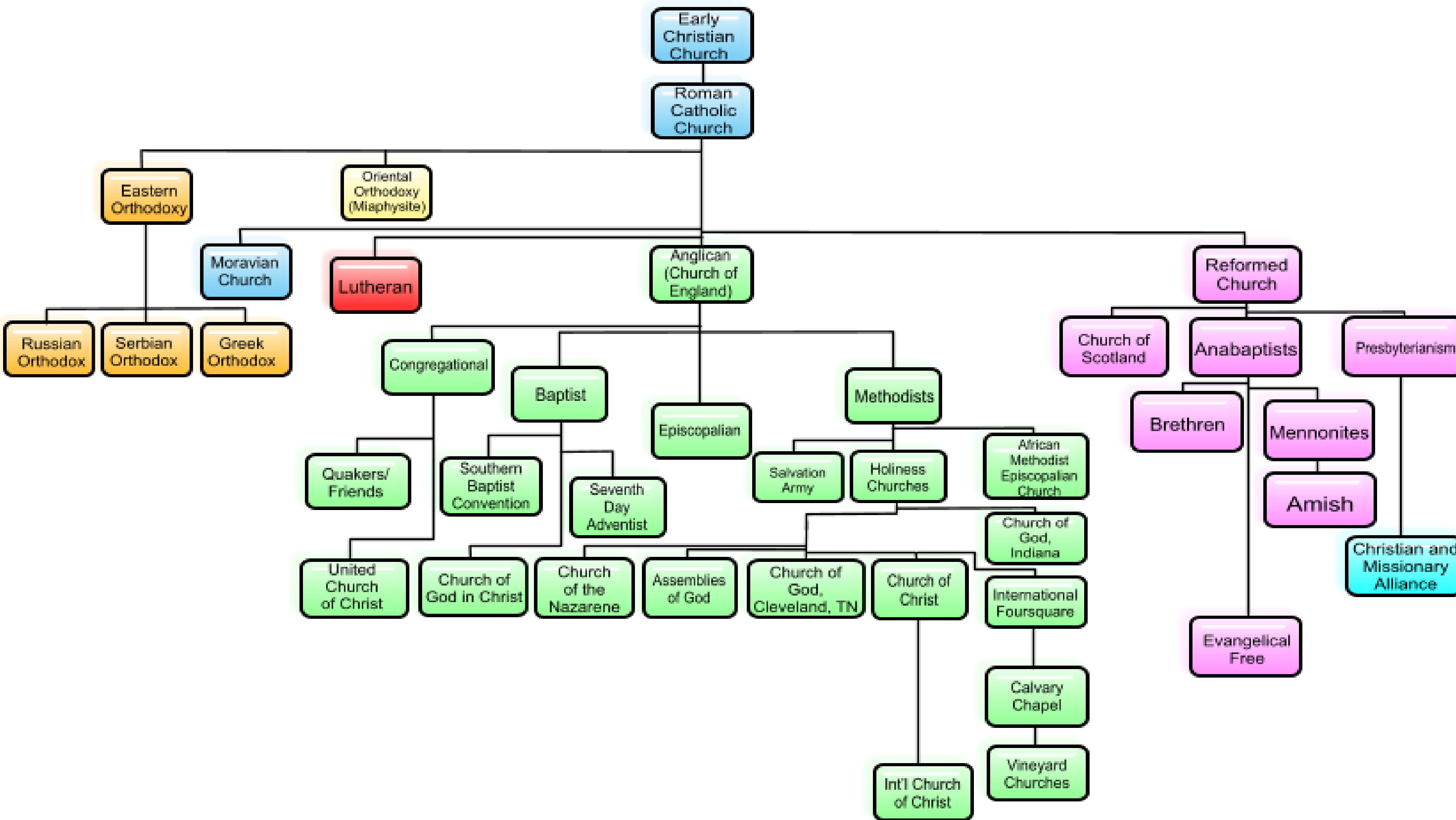
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# History Helps Us Understand

Denominations spring from:

- Differences of Opinion
- Differences of Emphasis
- Need for Reform



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# That Explains Why, But Is It Good?

“Then the Lord gave these instructions to Moses and Aaron: ‘When the Israelites set up camp, each tribe will be assigned its own area. The tribal divisions will camp beneath their family banners.’”  
-Numbers 2:1-2



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# Is It Good?

## Reasons for Denominations:

- Different Churches make it easier for people to find a church home.
- Different Doctrines make is necessary for God's people to love each other well.



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# So What?

Different Denominations Lead Me To:

- Know What I Believe



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# So What?

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith. . . . Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”

-Hebrews 12:1

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# So What?

Different Denominations Lead Me To:

- Know What I Believe
- Remember I'm Part Of Something Bigger



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# So What?

“Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are”

-1 Peter 5:9



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