

The Presbyterian Tradition

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Jesus

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Early Church

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Catholic Church

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Western Church

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Eastern Church

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Roman Catholicism

↙ ↘
Protestant Reformation

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Orthodox Churches

↙ ↘
Lutherans

↙ ↘
Reformed

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Anabaptists

↙ ↘
Anglicans

↙ ↘
Others

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Presbyterians,
United Church of Christ,
Reformed Churches

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Mennonites,
Amish

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Episcopalians,
Methodists,
Wesleyans

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Pentecostals,
Baptists, and
many, many
others

- a. God alone is Lord of the **conscience**.
- b. Judgment is made by **groups** of people, rather than by individuals.
- c. Officers are called by God and set apart for special **tasks**.
- d. Truth is worthless if it does not lead us to **goodness**.
- e. Government is **representative**.
- f. Power is **shared**.
- g. For the health of the church and in order for the church to achieve its mission, **discipline** is sometimes necessary.

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