

# CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS: A SHORT TOUR THROUGH THE LOVELY AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO SAY WE WORSHIP JESUS



## WEEK 8: THE STONE-CAMPBELL TRADITIONS

### Bible Roots

Joshua 24:14-15	Isaiah 66:1-2	Acts 2:38
Psalms 19:7-10	John 17:20-23	1 Timothy 6:3-5

If you were to start from these verses and say what the Church should be like, what would be most important to your Church?

### Important Dates

- 1801: Barton Stone preaches at the Cane Ridge Revival, bringing together Baptists and Presbyterians and Methodists into one Christian church in Kentucky
- 1809: Thomas Campbell writes "Declaration and Address," a call for Christians in Pennsylvania to strive towards unity based on the confession of Jesus Christ and the text of the New Testament.
- 1832: Stone and Campbell movements unite to form the Disciples of Christ
- 1866: First issue of *The Christian Standard* published in Cincinnati
- 1906: In a dispute over whether churches should use organ music in Sunday services, Churches of Christ and Disciples of Christ split
- 1968: Independent Christian Churches officially split from Disciples of Christ denomination.
- 1968: Foundation of Athens Christian Church.

### What we've learned from other traditions

- Like the oldest churches (Orthodox and Catholic), we partake of the bread and the cup every Sunday.
- Like the Church of England, we strive for unity where unity is possible.
- Like the Anabaptists, we baptize believers, not infants.
- Like the Calvinists, our services tend to focus on the teaching of the congregation by means of a sermon.
- Like the Baptists, we elect local elders to serve as teaching authorities.
- Like the Wesleyans, we follow our sermons with an invitation to join the Church.

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