

# The Seventeenth Century History: The Modern Church

## The Seventeenth Century: Three Highlights

### 1. The Reformation Grows

- Grows **Theologically**: The Rise of Denominations (*Lutherans, Reformed, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists*)

- Grows **Politically**: The Rise of the Radical Reformers (*E.g., Anabaptists and Mennonites*)



- Grows **Intellectually**: The Rise of Protestant Scholasticism (*E.g., Theology Books and Confessions of Faith*)

- Grows **Spiritually**: The Rise of Pietism (*Methodism and Revivalism*)

## 2. The Reformation Slows

- Slows **Theologically**: The Rise of the Catholic Counter-Reformation (*E.g., Inquisitions*)
- Slows **Politically**: The Rise of Religious Warfare (*E.g., Thirty Years' War*)



- Slows **Intellectually**: The Rise of Rationalism (*E.g., Renaissance, Enlightenment, and Scientific Revolution*)

- Slows **Spiritually**: The Rise of Mysticism (*E.g., Quakers and Quietists*)

### 3. The Reformation Goes

- o Goes **North**: The Rise of the English Reformation (*E.g., The Church of England and the Puritans*)
- o Goes **West**: The Rise of the New England Reformation (*The Puritan Separatist “Pilgrims”*)



## The Seventeenth Century: A Timeline

- c.1600 Galileo Galilee Condemned by Catholic Church for Heliocentric Views
- 1607 Colony at Jamestown Founded
- 1609 John Smyth and Thomas Helwys Break from Church of England form Baptist Church
- 1611 King James Version (Authorized Version) Bible Published
- 1618-1648 Thirty Years' War
- 1620 Plymouth Colony Founded by Puritans
- 1636 Harvard Founded to Train Ministers
- 1648 George Fox Begins Quaker Movement
- 1648 Treaty of Westphalia Ends Thirty Years' War
- 1675 Philipp Jakob Spener Publishes *Pia Desideria*, Launching Pietism
- 1678 John Bunyan Publishes *Pilgrim's Progress*
- 1692 Salem Witch Trials
- 1693 Jakob Amman Founds Amish Sect