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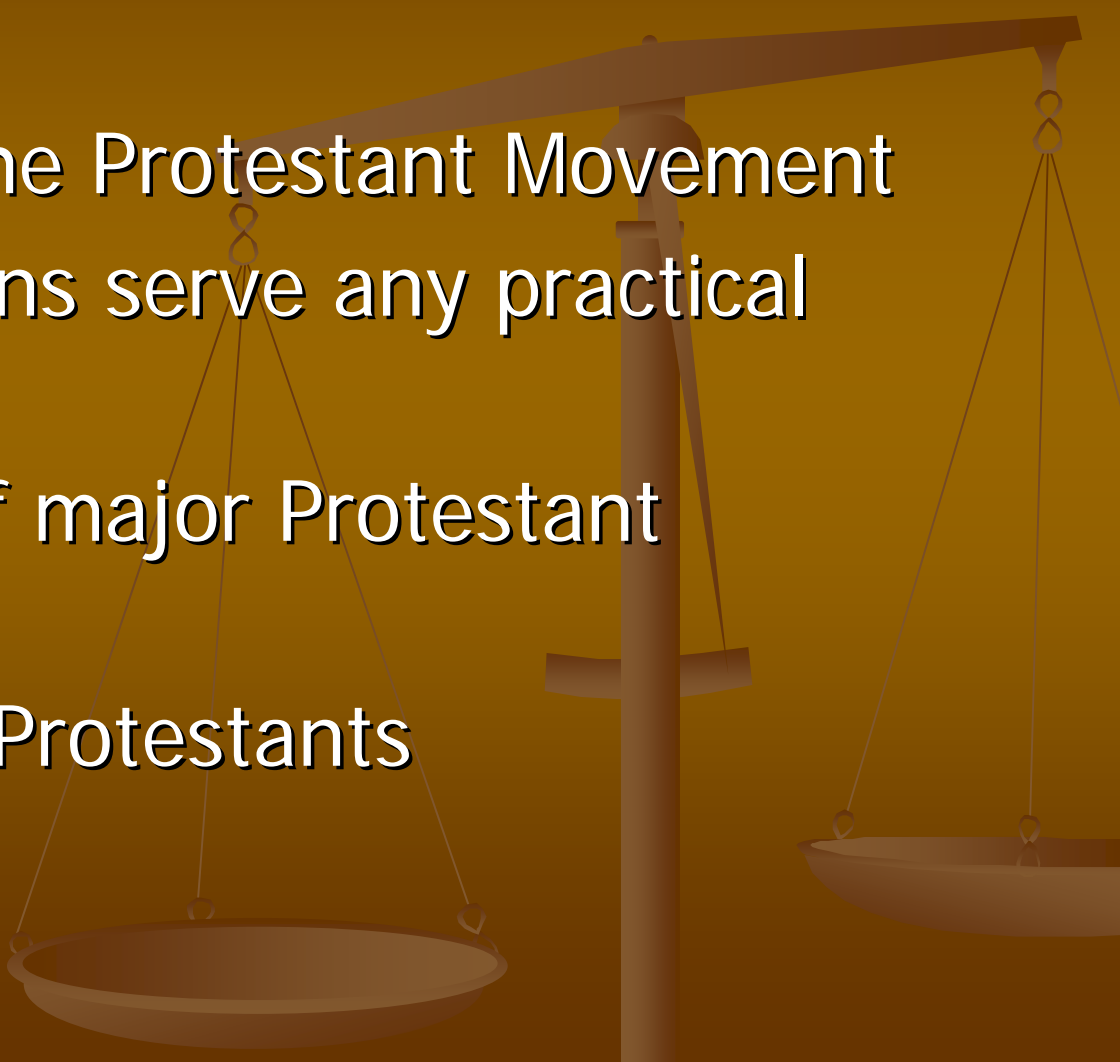
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# The Protestant Faith

Why So Many Denominations?

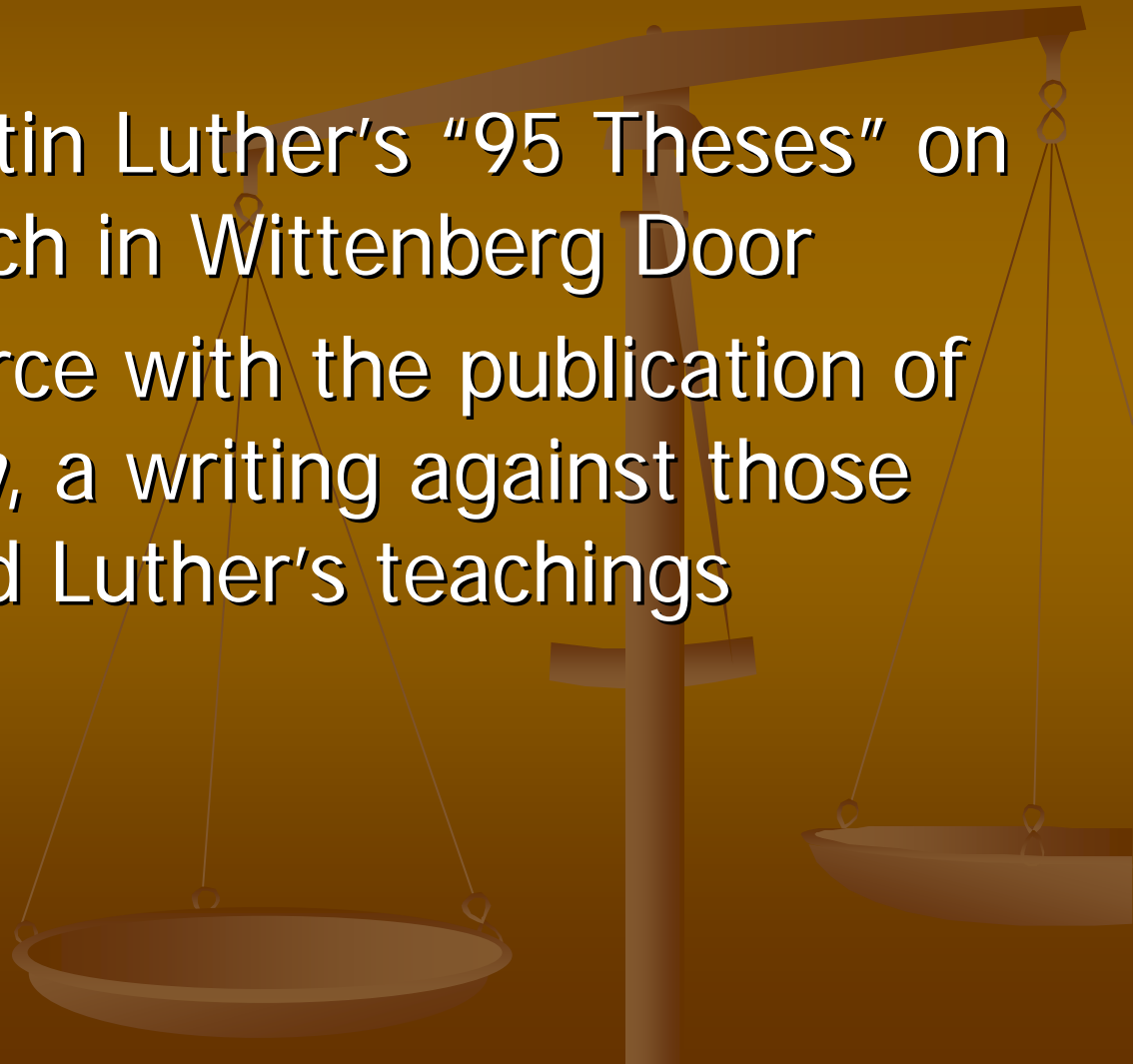


# What We'll Study

- The origins of the Protestant Movement
  - Do denominations serve any practical purpose?
  - A comparison of major Protestant denominations
  - God's Word for Protestants
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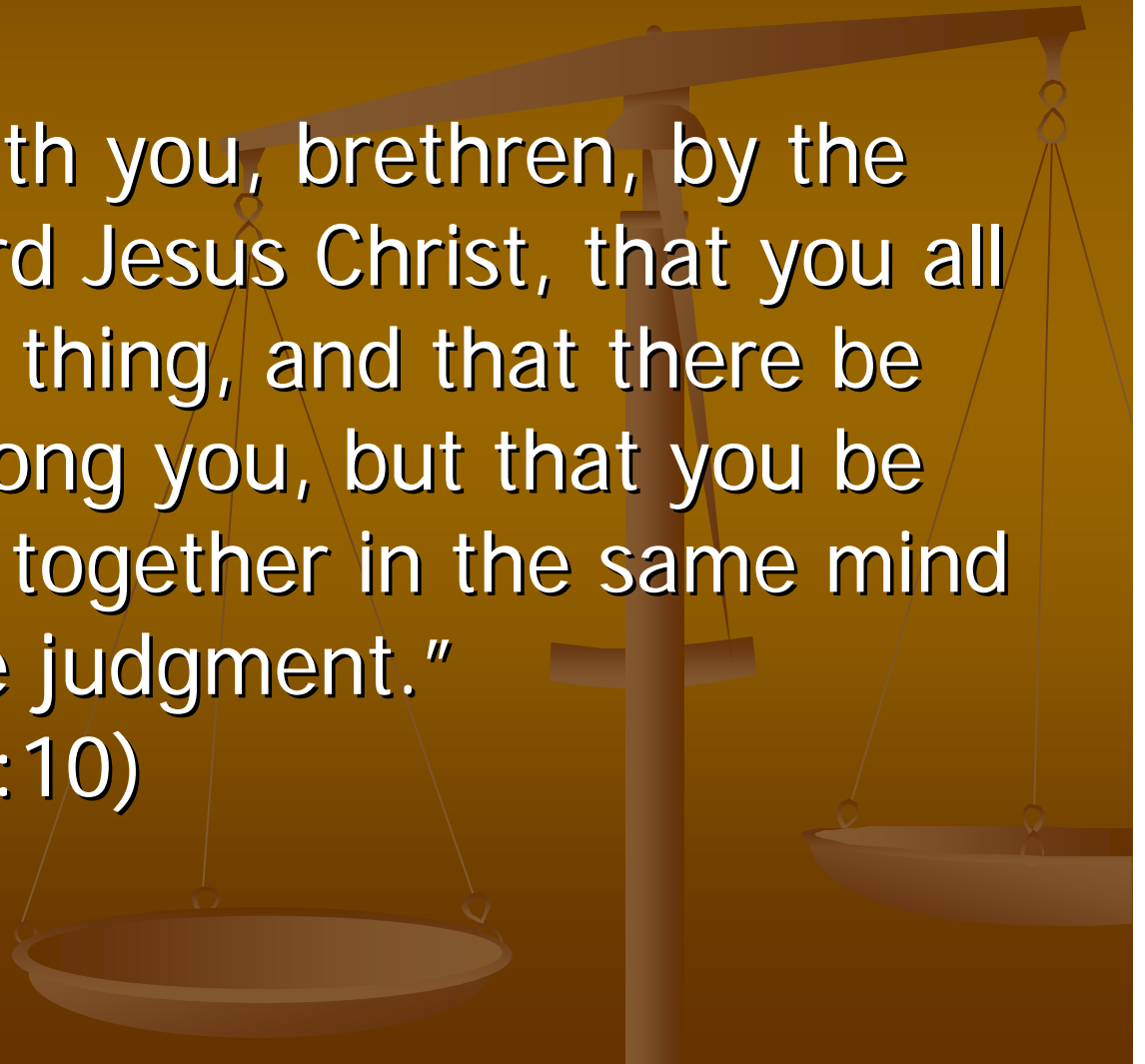
# The Origins of the Protestant Movement

- Began with Martin Luther's "95 Theses" on the Castle Church in Wittenberg Door
- It gained full force with the publication of the *Protestation*, a writing against those who condemned Luther's teachings



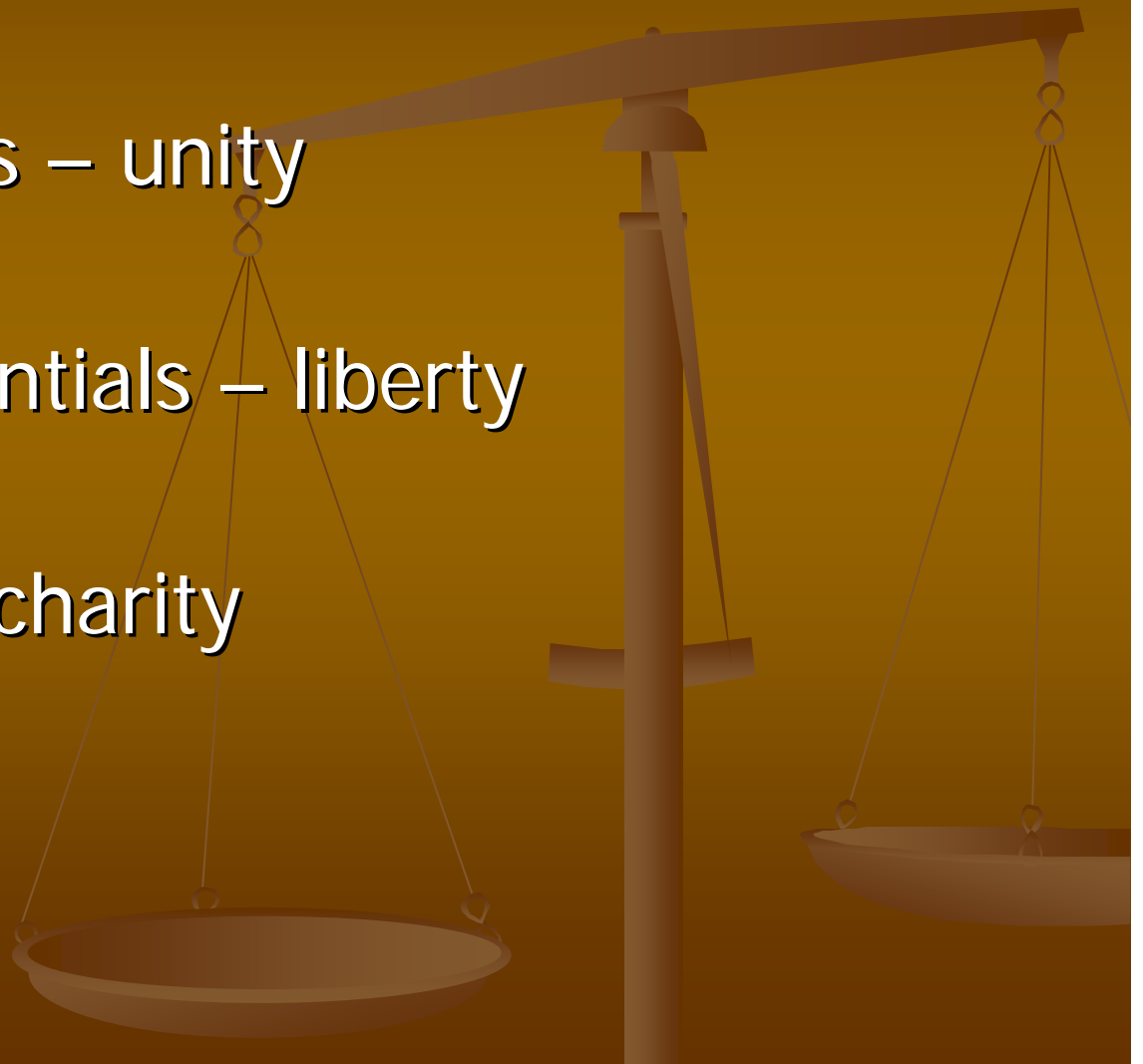
# Do Denominations Server Any Practical Purpose?

- “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”  
(I Corinthians 1:10)



# Denominations – A Church Divided?

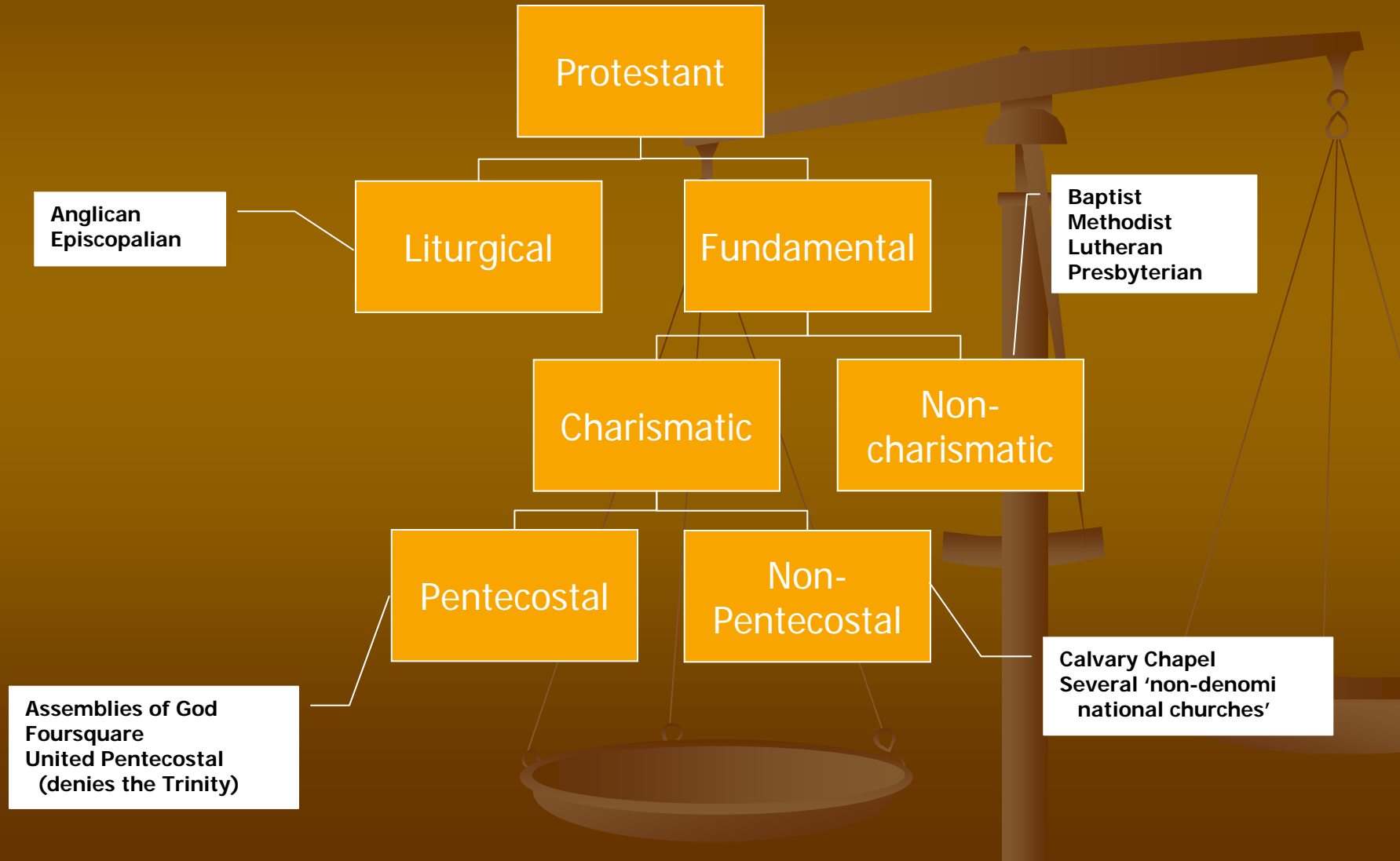
- In the essentials – unity
- In the non-essentials – liberty
- In everything - charity



# A Comparison of Protestant Faiths

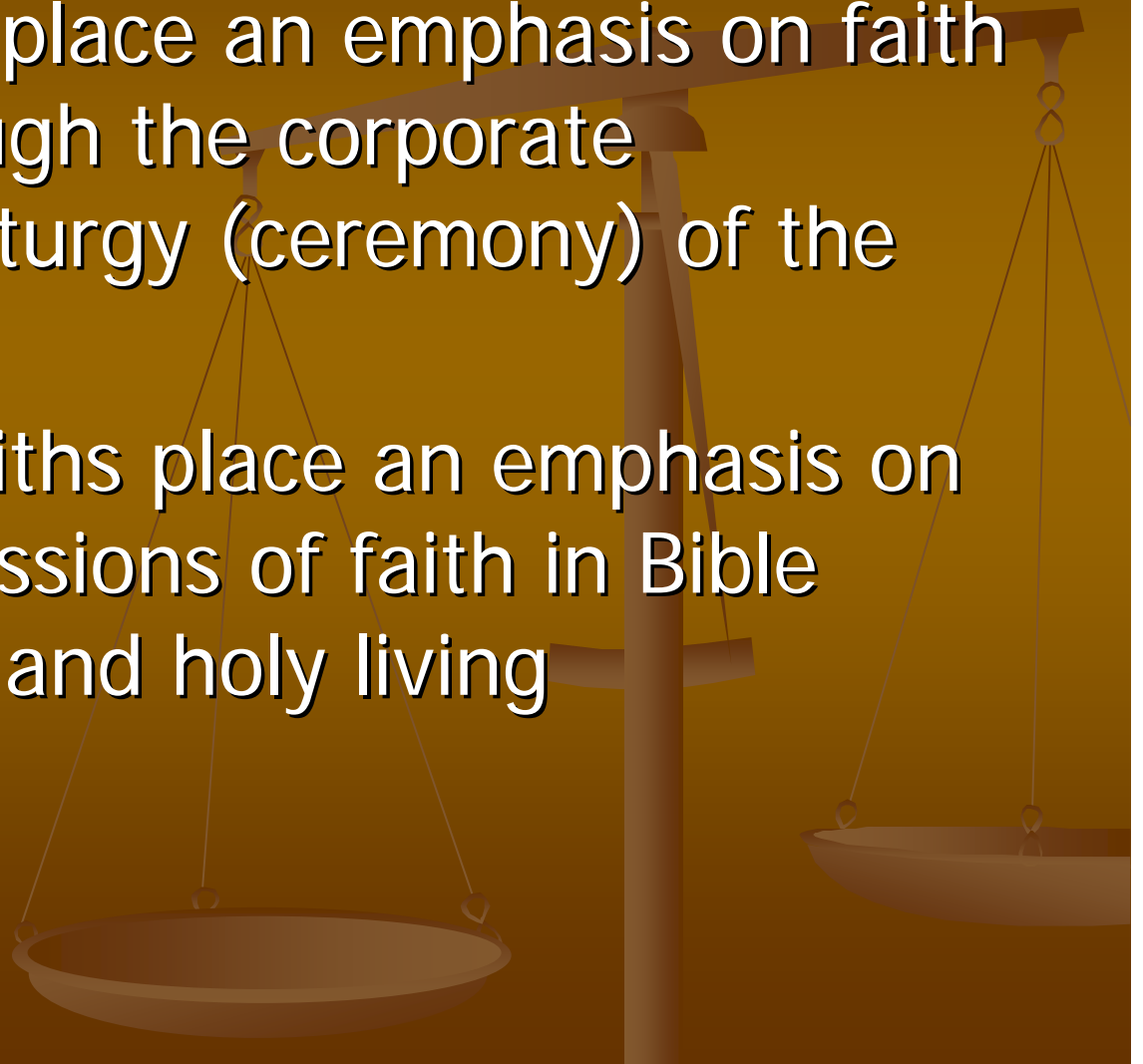


# A Basic Breakdown of Protestant Faiths



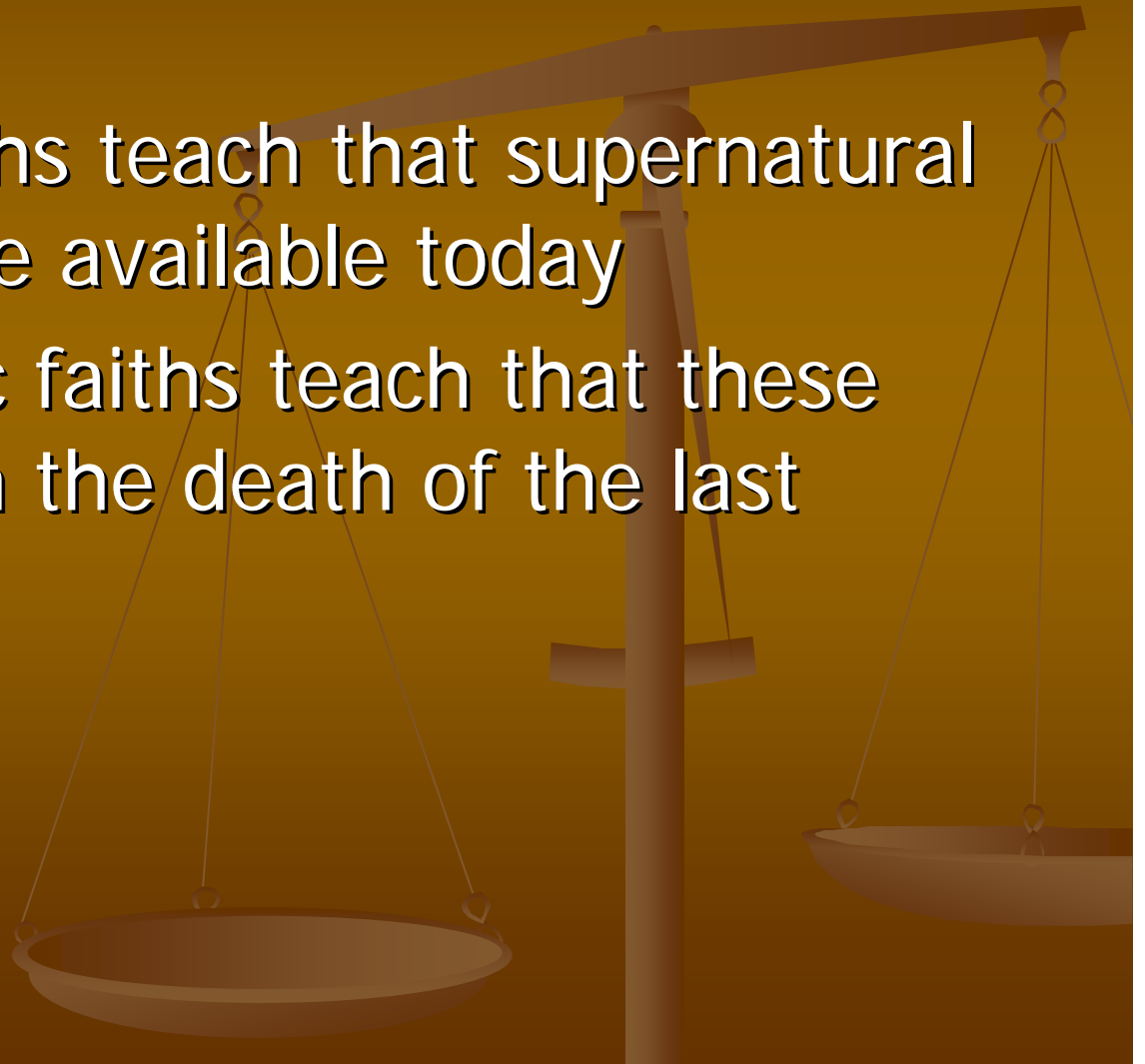
# Liturgical and Fundamental

- Liturgical faiths place an emphasis on faith expressed through the corporate gathering and liturgy (ceremony) of the Church
- Fundamental faiths place an emphasis on individual expressions of faith in Bible reading, prayer and holy living



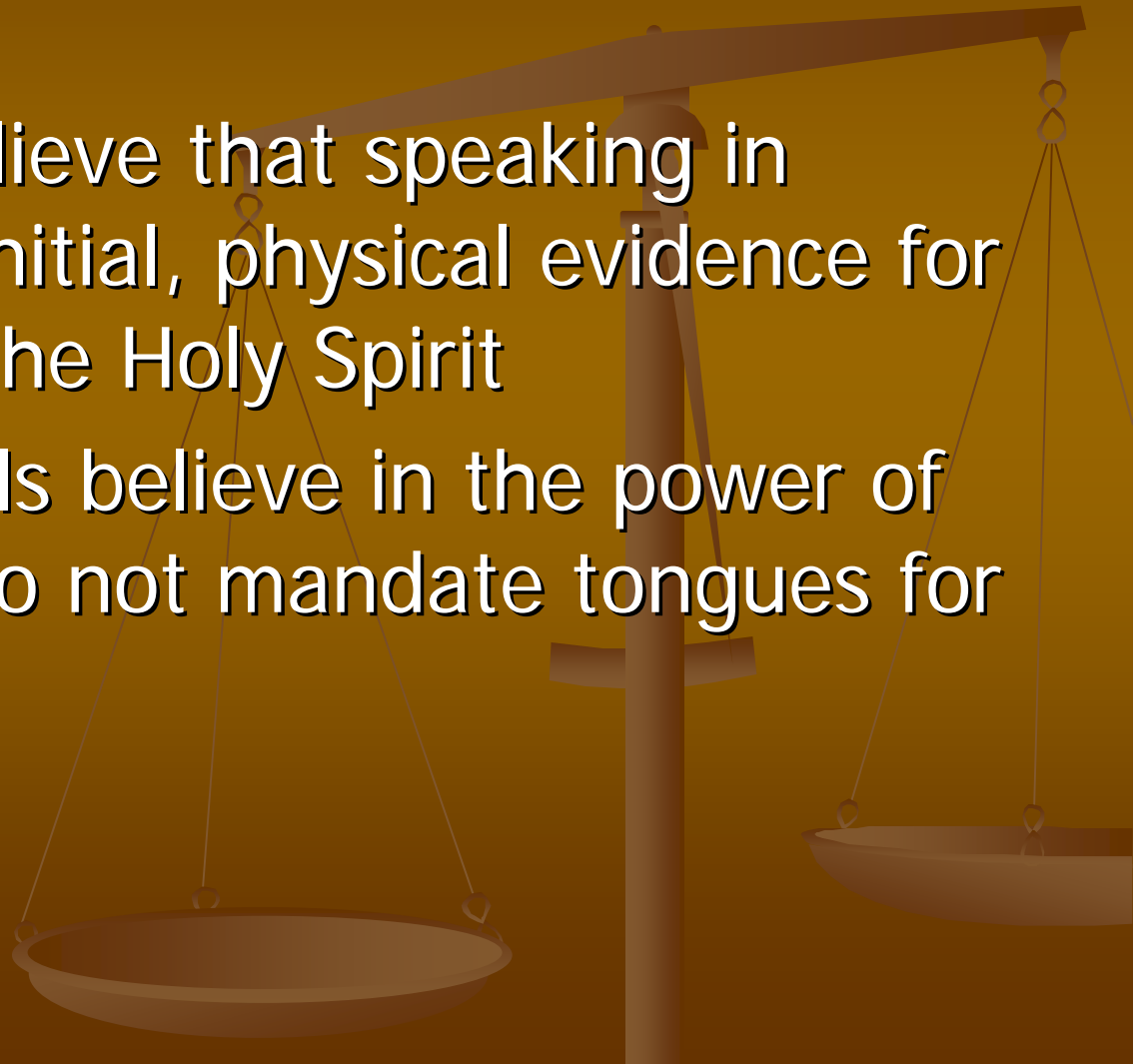
# Charismatic and Non-charismatic

- Charismatic faiths teach that supernatural spiritual gifts are available today
- Non-charismatic faiths teach that these gifts ended with the death of the last apostle



# Pentecostal and Non-Pentecostal

- Pentecostals believe that speaking in tongues is the initial, physical evidence for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Non-Pentecostals believe in the power of the Spirit, but do not mandate tongues for any believer



# God's Word For Protestants

- "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, 'I am of Paul,' and another, 'I am of Apollos,' are you not carnal?"  
(I Corinthians 3:1-4)

# Conclusion

- The Protestant Movement began with Martin Luther in the early 1600s
- Protestant faiths provide different perspectives on God, the Bible, and faith
- Though there are many different denominations, we can worship in unity under the banner of Jesus Christ

