

Why I Am Not... Any of These

Where going to hit a few remaining groups with this lesson that I didn't find to warrant dedicated lessons.

I. History and Characteristics

A. Assembly of God

1. Branch of Pentecostalism
2. Officially began in 1914 at a conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
3. About 3,000,000 in U.S.
4. Famous people: Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker, Paul Crouch, Elvis Presley, Jimmy Swaggart.

B. Nazarene

1. Came into being through a series of mergers of various Holiness churches, the most important in 1907-1908.
2. Mixture of Methodist and Holiness doctrines.
3. About 600,000 in U.S.
4. Famous people: James Dobson, The Speer Family

C. Apostolic

1. Many groups use this name, almost all are Pentecostal.
2. These groups usually claim that the office of Apostle is to be kept.

D. Episcopalians

1. This is basically the American branch of the Anglican Church, a.k.a the Church of England.
2. Officially began to split from England in 1789
3. Uses their own version of the Book of Common Prayer
4. Promotes itself as being the middle road between Catholicism and Protestantism
5. Almost 2,000,000 in U.S.
6. Famous people: George Washington, Donald Trump,

II. Some Issues

A. Assembly of God

1. Believe that salvation can be lost
2. Believe in speaking in tongues

B. Nazarene

1. Do not believe in assurance of salvation
2. Infant Baptism
3. Entire Sanctification

C. Apostolic

1. Tongues and other Holy Ghost errors

D. Episcopalians

1. Tends to be very liberal in social issues.
2. A hierarchy, especially of bishops, run the church