

"Baptist Distinctives 2"

Sun School
7-30-2023

1. Introduction

a. Acronym outlining Baptist beliefs

- B = Bible authority ("sola scriptura")
- A = Autonomy (self ruled church)
- P = Priesthood of believer
- T = Two offices
- I = Individual soul liberty
- S = Separation of church & state
- T = Two ordinances

b. Last Sunday covered first 4 points - today cover last 3 points

2. Individual Soul Liberty

a. Freedom of conscience

- believer reads/hears Bible
 - * Sunday/mid week preaching
 - * personal devotions
- believer builds internal conviction
 - * mental mindset
 - * principles to live by based on Scriptures

- believer acts on his/her conviction
 - * Christian thinks for themselves

b. For I know whom I have believed & am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him (2 Tim 1:12)

3. Separation of Church & State

a. Government does not tell church what to believe or preach

b. Acts 4:10, 12-13 by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... salvation is no other name under heaven given among men

c. Church's authority comes from God in heaven to preach/teach/believe

d. Acts 5:29 Ought to obey God rather than men

4. Two Ordinances - Baptism & Communion

a. Baptism

- immersed into water to show new Christian status

b. First act of obedience for new baby Christian

- only act of will by your own decision

c. Jesus example

- Mt 3:13-17 Jesus baptized, voice from heaven, & Holy Spirit descend like a dove

- Mk 1:9-10, Lk 3:21-22

- Jn 1:30-33 Man who was before me, John the Baptizer saw Spirit descend, John's testimony, that Jesus would baptize with Holy Spirit

d. Commanded by Jesus

- Mt. 28:18-20 make disciples baptizing in name of Father, Son, & Holy Spirit

- Mt 16:15-16 Preach & baptize

- Acts 1:5, 8 Baptized with Holy Spirit... power to witnesses to Jesus Christ

e. Communion - Lord's Supper

- 1 Cor 11:23-26 bread symbol of body broken on cross... cup of the New Covenant in Jesus blood

* 1 Cor 15:1, 3-4 gospel: Jesus died, buried, & came alive again

* Jesus is the Savior who delivers & saves Christian from sin
x this is salvation

- established by Jesus Himself on night of Passover observance

* Mt 26:26-30 the bread & the cup
x Jesus will celebrate it with us all in Father's kingdom (Rev 19:7-9)

* Mk 14:22-26 sang hymn at end

* Lk 22:14-20 Jesus' hour had come

* Jn 13:1-2 Feast of Passover

Jn 13:30 Judas Iscariot departs

Jn 13:31 Now Son of Man glorified

Jn 18:1 They head out to Garden of Gethsemane