

Baptist Beliefs

There are many churches and denominations that make up modern-day Christianity. Each one of these different churches and denominations hold to certain beliefs that set them apart from others. For example: About 80% of churches today practice infant baptism, while us Baptists believe in Believer's Baptism – that one must be a Believer of Jesus Christ before one can partake in baptism. This is just one of the many distinct doctrines of the Baptists.

We will be talking about the several doctrines that the Baptists hold in particular and why it is that we hold firm to these doctrines. However, before we start it must be noted that we do not believe that one must be a Baptist in order to be saved. No denomination, church, or person can take someone to Heaven. Only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ is one born again into the Family of God. Though we are against the notion that only a particular church or denomination can be saved, we still use the Baptist name. The reason that we call ourselves Baptists is to give everyone a clear identifier as to what it is that we believe.

It is to be noted that each doctrine that is held by a Fundamental Baptist Church comes entirely from Scripture. Many churches and denominations hold doctrines founded from traditions and human reasoning. However, as one of the doctrines held by the Baptist Church is the “Authority of Scripture” we believe that the Bible is the sole authority of all matters of faith and practice. Therefore without this fundamental belief all of our other beliefs would be affected.

In the following weeks we will be looking at each one of the main doctrines that are held by the Baptist Church. The following are the doctrines which we will look at:

Authority of the Scriptures
Autonomy of the Local Church
Regenerated Church Membership
Believer's Baptism
Eternal Security of All Believers
Soul Liberty of the Individual
Priesthood of All Believers
The Great Commission
Two Ordinances in the Church
Two Church Offices
Stewardship of All Believers
Separation of Church and State
Second Coming of Christ
The Resurrection of the Body
A Literal Heaven and Hell

Throughout our time exploring these essential doctrines we will be referring to many books. The majority of which will be from Dr. Harry Carr, the Vice President of Midwestern Baptist College and the Head of the Bible Department at the aforementioned school.