

Denominational Doctrines – Part 7

Baptist Doctrines

Introduction:

- A. Baptists evolved from in 1600's from objections to infant baptism and sprinkling.
- B. Baptists teach many of common doctrines already noticed in this series.
- C. We will notice three doctrines that are readily identified as “Baptist Doctrine.”

Discussion:

I. The Church Was Established in the Days of John the Baptist.

- A. Some even claim that John was the founder of the church.
- B. The church could not have been established in the days of John.
 - 1. John's death (Matt. 14:10-12)
 - 2. Jesus's promise to build (Matt. 16:18).
 - 3. John was never in the kingdom/church (Matt. 11:11)
- C. Ben Bogard, famous Baptist debater, claimed John's baptizing Jesus made Jesus a baptist.

II. Baptism Is “Because of” Rather than “unto” the Remission of Sins (cf. Acts 2:38)

- A. A common illustration: “The man was hung for murder”.
 - 1. Illustrations only illustrate, not proof.
 - 2. Another illustration: The football player went for a touchdown”
 - 3. A biblical example (Matt. 26:28).
- B. The difference between “eis” and “gar”
- C. Baptist confess at baptism that they believe that “God for Christ's sake has pardoned your sins.”

III. Believers Are Saved from Sins “Past, Present and Future.”

- A. “Past” means all sins forgiven at the point of faith.
 - 1. Believers not saved at point of faith (John 12:42).
 - 2. Bible teaches at the point of baptism (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
- B. “Present” means forgiven automatically even as we sin.
 - 1. The windshield wiper illustration.
 - 2. Present forgiveness depends striving to not sin and confessing when we do (1 John 1:9; 2:1-2; Heb. 10:26-29)
- C. “Future” means “once saved, always saved.”
 - 1. 1 Cor. 10:1-12
 - 2. Heb. 3:8-4:11; 10:26-29
 - 3. Gal. 5:4

Conclusion:

- A. Why not be baptized for the remission of your sins tonight?
- B. Then in Christ you will find help as you struggle against sin (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).