

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

A Short Course on Church History

Our Baptist Streams

All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:18-19

What is a “**Baptist**”?

Among scores of Baptist doctrinal pronouncements, 4 are the most influential and authoritative:

The _____ Confession (1644)

The _____ London Confession (1689)

The _____ Confession (1742)

The _____ Confession (1833)

Most other Baptist doctrinal statements are modifications or variations of these 4.

A comparison of the four demonstrates that Baptists have historically held the following theological positions:

- 1) The supreme and final authority of the _____ in all matters of doctrine and practice;
- 2) The _____ understanding of one God revealed in three fully divine persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
- 3) The complete _____ and full _____ of Christ, the virgin-born Son of God, who was crucified for sinners but rose bodily from the grave;
- 4) The universal _____ of mankind and man’s alienation from God because of sin;
- 5) Salvation entirely by _____, through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only redeemer and mediator with God;
- 6) The _____ as the local body of baptized believers associated voluntarily for the worship of God and the proclamation of God’s Word to the world;
- 7) The two ordinances or sacraments of _____ and _____, neither of which is essential for salvation; the ordinances of the church are for believers only, and baptism must precede church membership and admission to the Lord’s Supper;
- 8) The _____ of church and state as divinely ordained but distinct spheres of authority;
- 9) The _____ of Christ and the judgment of mankind for eternal bliss or eternal punishment.

Our **Origins:**

Anabaptists (1525)

Origin:

Beliefs:

Descendants:

General Baptists (1608)

Origin:

Beliefs:

Descendants:

Particular Baptists (1638)

Origins:

Beliefs:

Descendants:

Baptists in America (1639)

Origins:

Beliefs:

The first 3 Baptist Associations:

1) The Philadelphia Association (1707)

2) The Charleston Association (1751)

3) The Sandy Creek Association (1758)

The World Missions Movement

William Carey (1761-1834)

Baptist Missionary Society (1792)

Adoniram Judson (1788–1850)

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (1810)

Triennial Convention (1814)

The Southern Baptist Convention (1845)

Beginnings ...

Two defining crises:

Next time: Contemporary Issues in the SBC