

WHY  
BAPTIST

BAPTIST 'DISTINCTIVES'

"To find to origin of the Baptist movement, you must go back *not* to any single man or movement in history, but to certain bedrock Biblical principles called Baptist 'Distinctives'. For these, Baptists of the past have cared to stand. Your thrilling task is to understand clearly what these 'distinctives' are, how and where we got them, and then to decide what our stand as twentieth-century Baptists is going to be:

Here are the **eight** Baptist 'distinctives': 1. The 'Lordship' of Jesus Christ; 2. The Bible, the standard of faith and practice; 3. A Regenerated membership; 4. Believer's baptism by immersion; 5. Progressive sanctification; 6. Soul liberty; 7. Congregational government; 8. Separation of church and state.

- Herbert E. Anderson, 'BAPTISTS dare to Stand', 1966

"I recollect my mother saying to me, 'I prayed that you might be a Christian, but I never prayed that you might be a Baptist; but, nevertheless, I became a Baptist, for, as I reminded her, the Lord was able to do for her exceeding abundantly above what she had asked or thought, and He did it.'" (Charles Spurgeon)

Prayer

"To pray *'fervently'* (James 5:16 b) simply means to pray from the heart, to pray with genuine concern, to pray about things that I truly care about, things that I long to see answered, things that mean something to me. It has been said that *'if your prayers are going to mean anything to God, they have to mean something to you.'*"

THIS MONTH'S LITTLE  
ECONOMICS & POLITICAL  
LESSON:

**"If I had a dollar for every time socialism worked, I would have \$0. Coincidentally, if it did work, I would also have \$0."**

-former Congresswoman, Mayra Flores

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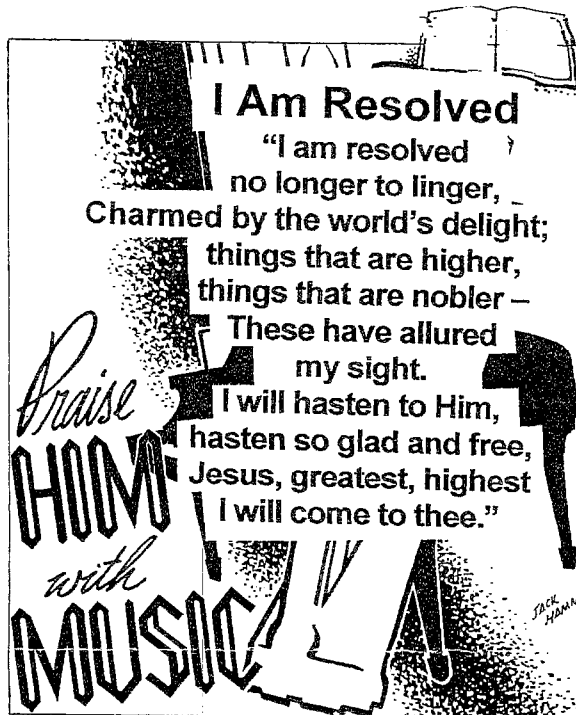
Quality & Equality

"You can't have *Equality* and *Quality* at the same time. Because to have *Equality*, you would have to lower the quality of those who are better."

'Equality' always means the 'better' has to become less good, less productive, less successful.

'Equality' prevents the cream from rising to the top. Equality is the foolish ranting and raving of the liberal socialists. (Instead, don't lower the top, raise the bottom!)

Having 'equality' as a goal always, overall, ends up making everything and everybody, worse!"



"KNOWLEDGE is *not* WISDOM. He is wisest who does not wish to know what God has not revealed. ... That insatiable craving to know everything just draws away the life of men from what ought to be their insatiable craving, namely, to be like God, to know him, to trust him, to love him, and to serve him." - copied

Danger of Nesting

*"Everything I meet with seems to carry this voice with it, 'Go thou and preach the Gospel; be a pilgrim on earth; have no particular or certain dwelling! My heart echoes back, 'Lord Jesus, help me to do or suffer Thy will! When seest me in danger of nesting, then in pity, intender pity, put a thorn in my nest to prevent me from it.'"*

- copied, George Whitefield

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays - Bible Studies - 7:00 pm

Quotes

"The essence of SIN is to deny, dishonor, and disobey God.

**"Seek God as you would seek wealth."**

"TRUTH cannot be burned, beheaded or crucified."

"Free speech does not mean you have to listen."

**"Being right is usually inconvenient."**

"Every man gives his life for what he believes."

**"Selfishness ends in loneliness."**

"Idolatry is committed not only by setting up false gods, but also by setting up false devils."

**"If they won't see the light, let them feel the heat!"**

*"The 'FRIEND' who is constantly trying to help your faults, is not a friend, he's a critic."*

**"Many people are like wheelbarrows, trailers, or canoes - they need to be pushed, pulled or paddled!"**

Rejecting God's SALVATION  
is rejecting God's LOVE

John 3:16, Romans 5:8,

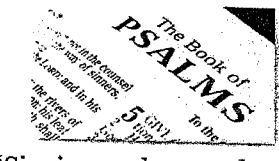
POSITIVE VICTORY

*"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."*  
- Galatians 5:16

"There are two ways of dealing with every vice - One is to set to work directly to destroy the vice; that is the negative way. The other is to bring in as overwhelmingly as possible the opposite virtue, and so to crowd and stifle and drown out the vice; that is the positive way. Everywhere the negative and positive methods of treatment stand over against each other, and men choose between them. A church is full of errors and foolish practices. It is possible to attack those follies outright, showing conclusively how foolish they are; or it is possible, and it is surely better, to wake up the true spiritual life in that Church which shall itself shed those follies and cast them out, or at least rob them of their worst harmfulness."

- "The Preacher's Homiletic Commentary", Vol 30, Galatians 5:16

**" I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Saviour ... there is none that can deliver out of my hand ... saith the LORD ..."** - Isaiah 43:11, 13



Psalms is infinite in teaching. It is a whole world of revelation.

William Law said,

"Singing psalms awakes all that is good and holy within you, calling your spirits to their proper duty, setting you in your best posture toward heaven, and tuning all the powers of your soul to worship and adoration." John Berridge, in the preface to his hymnbook, wrote, "The book of Psalms seems intended as a model for Hymns; and after this model I have copied as nearly as I could. Here we find instruction, exhortation, caution, and Christian experience, blended with prayer and praise. The thoughts are easy and free, flowing from the heart, and the language simple and plain, yet neat and elegant. And nothing, sure, can be more unsuitable than humble prayer uttered in pompous expressions." Since the largest book in the Bible is a songbook, we see the importance of sacred music before God. The language of the entire Bible is beautiful, but the Psalms have a beauty all their own."

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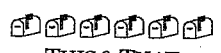
**KING JAMES BIBLE STILL THE MOST POPULAR ENGLISH VERSION**

"The King James Bible has withstood the onslaught of modern Bible versions (*beginning with the American Standard Version of 1901*) and multi-million dollar advertising campaigns to remain the most popular version in America. Though there are hundreds of versions and translations of the Bible, the KJV is the most popular. According to market research firm Statistica"

("Why Is the King James Bible So Popular?" *Live Science*, 5/16/21) Statista Oct. 10, 2018:

KJV - 31%, NIV - 13%, ESV - 9%, NKJV - 7%, Amplified - 7%, NAS - 3%, New Living - 2%, RSV - 2%, Contemporary English Version - 2%."

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THIS & THAT From HERE & THERE

**\$38 Million BIBLE**

"The oldest Hebrew Bible sold for \$38 million dollars on May 17 at Sotheby's in New York."

Codex Sasson 1053 (S1), the oldest existing complete Hebrew Bible, sold for \$38 million."

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**United Methodists**

"3,000 churches leave the United Methodists over the homosexuality issue. Over the past couple of years, more than 3,000 congregations have officially left the UMC, driven in large part by the denomination's ongoing debate over whether to change its official stance on LGBT issues." - *The Christian Post*

**Japan's Depopulation**

"This week saw the unsurprising news that Japan's (*the world's third largest economy*) population has fallen again; there are now 556,000 fewer people in the country, a twelfth consecutive decline ... a record fall ..."

- *The Post* by Unherd

**"It is Written"**

"Jesus Christ began and ended His ministry with *'It is written'*" - *Matthew 4:4, Luke 24:46.*

to stay an atheist ...

"Essentially, I realized that *to stay an atheist*, I would have to believe that nothing produces everything; non-life produces life; randomness produces fine-tuning; chaos produces information; unconsciousness produces consciousness; and non-reason produces reason. Those leaps of faith were simply too big for me to take, especially in light of the affirmative case for God's existence ... In other words, in my assessment the Christian worldview accounted for the totality of the evidence much better than the atheistic worldview." (copied)

**"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." Hebrews 3:4**

**Catholics, Muslims & Jews**

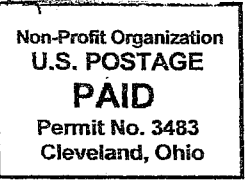
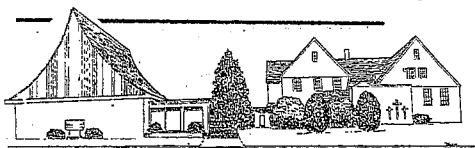
The Vatican has long been 'dialoguing' with Muslims to realize ... unity. Muslim leaders have already joined with Rome to oppose abortion. Many Muslim leaders are ecumenists. On May 14, 1999, a delegation of 'Christian' and Muslim leaders from Iraq visited the Pope in Rome. They gave the Pope a special copy of the Qur'an. He kissed it and expressed his reverence for it. Official Catholic declarations claim that the Muslims worship the one true God. For example: "The plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the Creator, in the first place amongst whom are the Moslems: ...and together *with* us they adore the one, merciful God..." (Vat II, Lumen Gentium, II, 16).

Conspicuous by its absence is any reference to Jews as worshipers of Yahweh, while Muslims are put in 'first place.' Rome accepts anyone of any religion as long as they give allegiance to the Pope." - *The Berean Call*, (Q & A), May 2023



June 2023

- Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services ..... 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Services ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Studies ..... 7:00 p.m.



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**Clods of Earth**  
"Man is a strange sort of creature, a ray of heaven united to a clod of earth; at death, these are separated and each goes to the place whence it came. First, the body, that clod of clay, returns to its own earth, it is made of the earth; Adam's body was so, and we are of the same mould; it is a house of clay, at death it is laid in the earth, and in a little time will be resolved into earth, not to be distinguished from common earth, according to the sentence (Genesis 3:19), '*dust thou art, and therefore unto dust shalt thou return*'. Let us not therefore indulge the appetites of the body, nor pamper it, (it will be worms meat shortly,) 'nor let sin reign in our mortal bodies, for they are mortal.'  
- Matthew Henry, Ecclesiastes 12:5  
*'Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*  
- Romans 6:12,"



tick, tick, tick ...  
**HURRY!**  
"I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."  
- Psalm 119:59,60