

Bible Baptist Temple NEWSLETTER

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WHAT IS AN 'AXIOM' ?

"The existence of God is what's known as an 'axiom' - a self-evident truth. ('axiom' - ('maxim') "a statement that needs no proof because its proof is obvious" - Webster's Dictionary).

The fact that parallel lines never meet is what's known as an 'axiom'.

If I were to devote my life to either prove or disprove that parallel lines never meet, I would lack common sense. If the lines meet, they are not parallel, and if they are parallel they will never meet. This is so obvious that it doesn't need to be proved or disproved. It is self-evident - an 'axiom'.

The existence of God is an 'axiom'. It is obvious that if there is a creation, there must be a Creator. For things to be 'made', logic, reason, intellect and rationalism demand that there is a Maker."

(Ray Comfort, "GOD Doesn't Believe in Atheists - Proof that the Atheist doesn't Exist")

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



The **ETERNAL, UNCHANGING State** ... "It is important to realize that being a Christian doesn't determine that you will exist eternally.

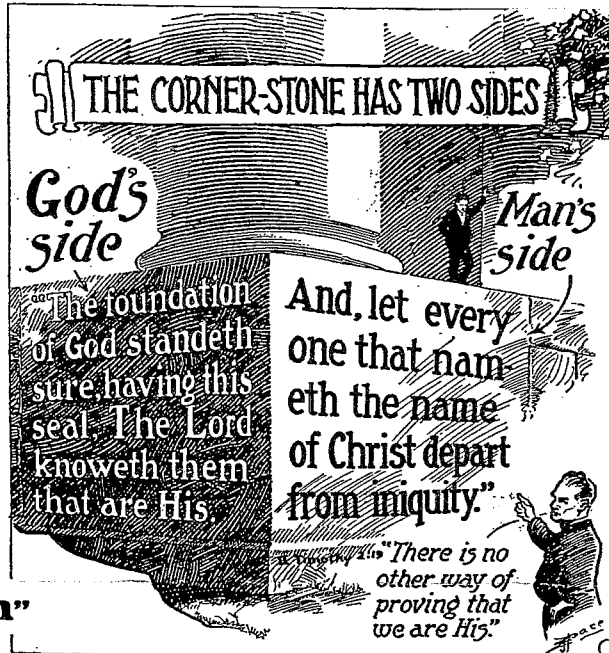
It just defines the location.

We will all exist forever.

A preacher once said, 'Death is not the termination of existence. It is the entrance to an eternal, unchanging state.'

If you die in your sins, God will judge you accordingly.

There is no allowance in Scripture for purgatory, no place for a second chance." - copied



Right & Wrong

"As the Wall Street Journal recently reported in its new poll with NORC at the University of Chicago, only 39% today say that religion is 'very important' to them, compared to 62% in 1998 who said religion is 'very important'. Only 31% of those under 30 (years of age) say 'religion' is very important."

Unfortunately, these polls do not ask individuals who say 'religion is not important' how they discern right and wrong, or even if there is such a thing ... The result is the chaos we are now experiencing."

- copied, Star Parker

FIGHT

the Good Fight of Faith"

- I Timothy 6:12

The Demise of Democracies

"In the 1770's, at the time America was establishing its independence from Great Britain, Lord Alexander Tyler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh, is attributed with the following comments on *The Fall of The Athenian Republic*," some 2,000 years prior:

A Democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury.

From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During the 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith;
From spiritual faith to great courage;
From courage to liberty;
From liberty to abundance;
From abundance to complacency;
From complacency to apathy;
From apathy to dependence;
From dependence back into bondage."

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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

— Quotes —

"Government is becoming a counterfeit family."

"Nobody notices what I do until I don't do it."

"Art, like morality, consists in drawing a line somewhere."

People are willing to repent of sins that are causing them problems, but not the sins they are enjoying.

"Tell the Truth and run!" (:

"Salvation has an Expiration date."

(see Hebrews 9:27)

"You have much more power when you are working for the right thing, than when you are working against the wrong thing."

- Peace Pilgrim

"People judge you by THREE things: how you Look, how you Talk and how you Act."

Political Quotes:

"The 'Bill of Rights' is all that stands between us and tyranny."

"When the 'Press' is free, and all men can read, all is safe."

- copied, Thomas Jefferson

Reality & Reliability

"The Christian 'religion' is of course based on that principle called 'faith' (Hebrews 11:6). This simply means a scientist or philosopher cannot sit in a study or lab and, through sheer human logic, arrive at the correct spiritual facts about God and the universe.

These truths are only brought out in the Holy Scriptures ... However, it should be quickly pointed out that while this faith is on many occasions and in many areas above human reasoning, it is never unreasonable!

Furthermore, it can be stated that the Creator has left strong 'hints' and 'signs' throughout His great creation which indicate to the honest seeker both the reality of His existence and the reliability of His Word!" - *Wilmington's Guide to the Bible*, p 948

Man Thinks in his Heart

"In the Bible the 'heart' is a term for the center of man's thinking, emotions and will.

Man thinks in his heart
Genesis 6:5, Proverbs 23:7;
he understands with his heart,
Proverbs 2:2; and he deviseth his way with his heart, Proverbs 16:9."

"LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth."

- Deuteronomy 16:2



Why Baptists are Not Protestants

THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

NIGERIA

"90% of all Christians who are killed (*martyred*) world-wide for their faith are in Nigeria."

Alcohol Intake

"... in any quantity linked to over 60 diseases ... A recent study says alcohol intake in any quantity increases the risk of more than 60 diseases ..."

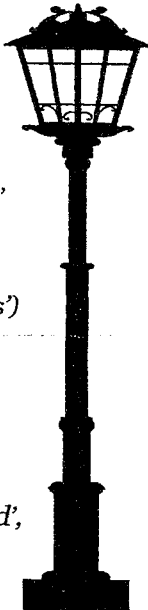
"Alcohol Intake," *Medical Daily*, 6/12/23

Rock Musicians

"Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison (*The Doors*) were all 27 years old when they died." - *copied*

Enthusiasm

"The word '*enthusiasm*' comes from two Greek words; one, '*en*' meaning '*in*', and two, '*theos*', meaning '*God*', thus meaning '*in God*'."



'ALMOST'

On the subject of 'Almost',
Charles Spurgeon said,

"There was a man who was almost saved in a fire, but he was burned. There was another who was almost healed of a disease, but he died. There was one who was almost reprieved, but he was hanged. And there are many in hell who were almost saved."

In our country, people are put in one of three religious groups. If you are not a Jew or a Roman Catholic, then automatically you are a Protestant. Consequently, Baptists are usually called "Protestants." However, this does not match the facts. Baptists never have been Protestants.

The Protestant Reformation is usually dated from October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany. However, this was only one of a series of acts that led to the open rupture with Rome.

These Lutheran leaders, and a few Reformed, who made this appeal and protest at the famous Diet of Speier were speaking for themselves and not for Baptists, of whom they themselves said in their written statement, "All Anabaptists and rebaptized persons, male or female, of mature age, shall be judged and brought from natural life to death, by fire, or sword or otherwise, as may befit the persons, without preceding trial by spiritual judges."

Historically Baptists Are Not Protestants

Protestants date from the sixteenth century. They are the Lutherans, the Reformed and others who were once Roman Catholics and left the Roman Catholic faith to start denominations of their own. The Baptists never left the Roman Catholic church as did Luther, Calvin and Zwingli. They never left because they were never in.

Baptists make no effort to trace a historical succession back to the age of the Apostles. Their only claim is that at every age in church history there have been groups that have held to the same doctrines that Baptists hold today. Full historical data immediately refutes the view that there was only one religious group—the Roman Catholic church until

the time of Martin Luther. Anyone who claims this simply has not done his homework.

I wish to purposely introduce non-Baptist testimony to the great antiquity of Baptist people. Cardinal Hosius (1504-1579) was a Roman Catholic prelate who had as his life work the investigation and suppression of non-Catholic groups. By Pope Paul IV he was designated one of the three papal presidents of the famous Council of Trent. Hosius carried on vigorously the work of the counter-reformation. If anyone in post-reformation times knew the doctrines and history of non-Catholic groups, it was Hosius. Cardinal Hosius says, "Were it not that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the past 1,200 years, they would swarm in greater number than all the Reformers" (*Letters Apud Opera*, pp. 112, 113). Note carefully that this knowledgeable Catholic scholar has spoken of the vicious persecution Baptists have endured, that he clearly distinguishes them from the Reformers and that he dates them 1,200 years before the Protestant Reformation.

It is also evident that the Baptists were not Protestants because they were fiercely persecuted by the Protestant Reformers and their followers. Uncounted thousands of them lost their goods, their lands and their lives in these persecutions. Konrad Grebel died in prison in 1526. Felix Manz was drowned by the authorities at Zurich 1527. Noted Baptist leader Balthauser Hubmaier was burned alive at the stake in Vienna March 10, 1528. Three days later his wife was drowned by being thrown over the Danube bridge with a stone tied to her neck. The facts abundantly attest that historically Baptists are not Protestants.

"*yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.*" - John 16:2)

(... concluded below ...)

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P.O. Box 32005
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July 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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GENUINE FAITH ...

"There is nothing which so certifies the genuineness of a person's faith as their patience and their patient endurance; their keeping on steadily in spite of everything. There is nothing that is so wonderful in the life of the greatest saints as just that, the way in which they stood like rocks when others fell away round about them ... They had trials, but they just stood on what they knew to be God's truth without regard to consequences ... The thing that shows the difference between the spurious and the real is the capacity to stand the test."

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Practically Baptists Are Not Protestants

A few simple observations indicate that the Baptists differ radically from Protestants on a number of points. The Protestant groups look to some human being as their founder, often even taking their name from a man. The Lutherans hark back to Luther. The Reformed look to John Calvin. The Presbyterians were founded by John Knox. The Methodists openly acknowledge John Wesley as their founder. Who founded the Baptist churches?

Baptists are not Protestants but hold tenaciously to the original precepts and practices of Christ and the Apostles. Baptists believe the pure Word of God to be sufficient authority in all matters. Baptists reject all human religious traditions and practices that have originated since the time of the Apostles.

- Vernon Charles Lyons,
"Why Baptists are Not Protestants"