

# WHY I AM A BAPTIST

## INTRO:

1. There was a man who said, "If one Christian ought to be a Baptist every Christian ought to be a Baptist.
2. He was right about it.
3. The Bible ought to be the only and all-sufficient rule of faith for every child of God.
4. A.T. Robertson was right in saying that **"given a new heart and an open Bible and everybody will be a Baptist.**
5. If it is Bible it is Baptist doctrine.
6. If it is Baptist doctrine you can find it in the Bible.
7. That is why every saved man and woman ought to be Baptist.
8. Baptist doctrine is Bible doctrine and Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine, and this is why every child of God ought to be a Baptist.
9. I am going to give you **"A declaration of those things most surely believed among us, and then give you Bible scripture to back it up.**

## I. WE BELIEVE IN THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD.

**2 Tim 3:16-17 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." KJV**

## II. THE TRIUNE GOD.

**Matt 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" KJV**

## III. THE GENESIS ACCOUNT OF CREATION

## IV. THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Matt 1:20-21 "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." KJV**

## V. THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST.

**John 10:30 "I and my Father are one." KJV**

## VI. THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS CHRIST.

**Heb 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." KJV**

**VII. THAT SALVATION IS WHOLLY BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST.**

**Eph 2:8-9** “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” KJV

And that all believers are preserved eternally.

**1 Peter 1:5** “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” KJV

**VIII. THE BODILY RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION OF JESUS, AND THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF HIS SAINTS.**

**1 Cor 15:20-23** “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.” KJV

**IX. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST, PERSONAL AND BODILY, AS THE CROWNING EVENT OF THIS GENTILE AGE.**

**Acts 1:11** “Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” KJV

**X. THAT CHRIST WILL COME AND SET UP HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH AND RULE UPON THE EARTH ONE THOUSAND YEARS.**

**Rev 20:6** “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” KJV

**XI. THE BIBLE DOCTRINE OR ETERNAL PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO DIE WITHOUT CHRIST.**

**Matt 25:46** “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” KJV

**XII. A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH IS A VISIBLE ASSEMBLY OF BAPTIZED BELIEVERS, COVENANTED TOGETHER UNDER NEW TESTAMENT LAW FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION, WITH AN UNBROKEN HISTORY FROM THE PERSONAL MINISTRY OF JESUS ON EARTH TO THIS PRESENT DAY.**

**Eph 3:21 “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” KJV**

**XIII. WE HOLD WHAT TRUE BAPTIST HAVE EVER HELD; “THAT THE GREAT COMMISSION WAS GIVEN TO THE CHURCHES ONLY.”**

**Matt 28:19-20 “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” KJV**

**15. THAT EACH CHURCH SHOULD EXERCISE EQUAL AUTHORITY:  
AND THAT THE CHURCHES SHOULD MEET THEIR  
RESPONSIBILITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR ABILITIES.**

**16. ALL COOPERATING BODIES, SUCH AS ASSOCIATIONS,  
CONVENTIONS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES, ETC, ARE AND PROPERLY  
SHOULD BE SERVANTS OF THE CHURCHES.**

**Matt 20:25-28 “But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” KJV**

**17. SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM IS IMMERSION OF BELIEVERS  
ADMINISTERED BY A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH: THE LORD’S  
SUPPER IS A MEMORIAL ORDINANCE, OBSERVED BY LOCAL CHURCH  
MEMBERS.**