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Central Baptist Church

Ponca City OK
July 12, 2020



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The Blood-Bought History of Baptists

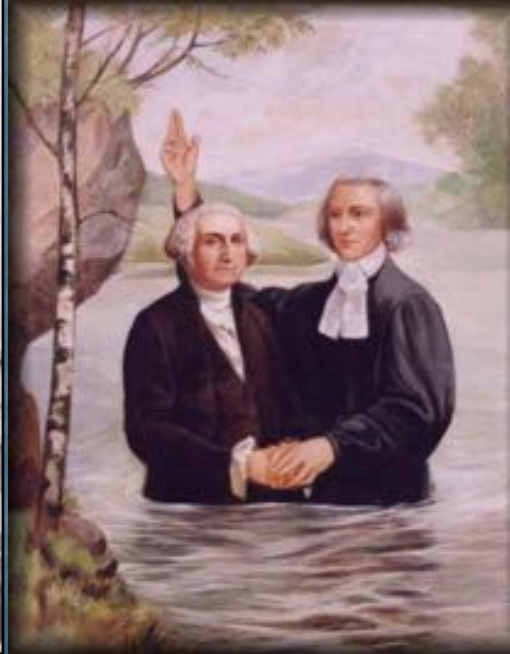
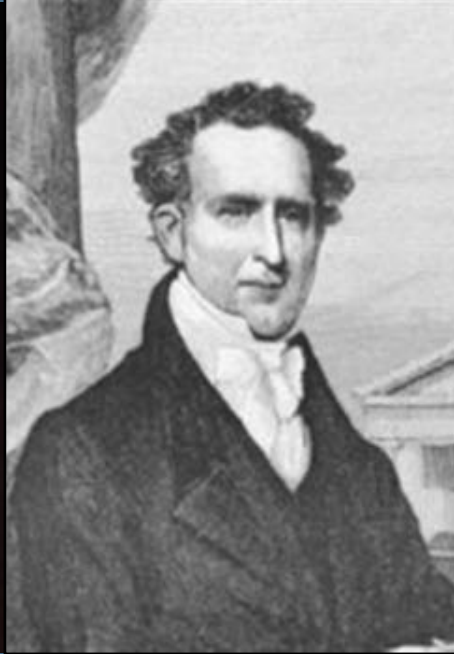
Acts 9:31



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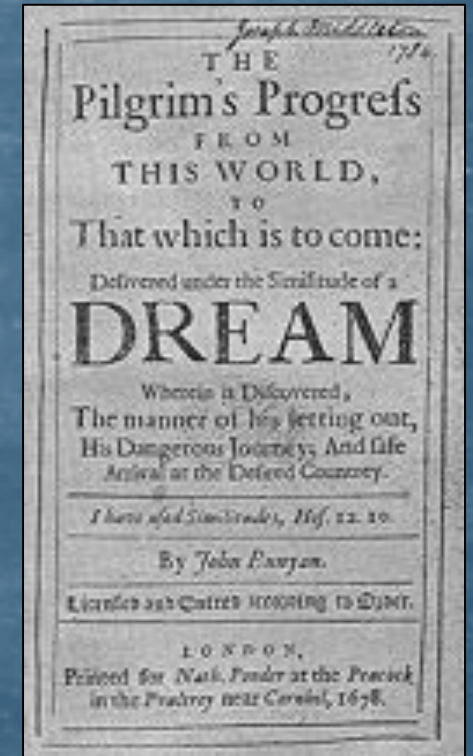
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**John
Bunyan
(1628-1688)**

**Bedford Jail
(1660-1672)**



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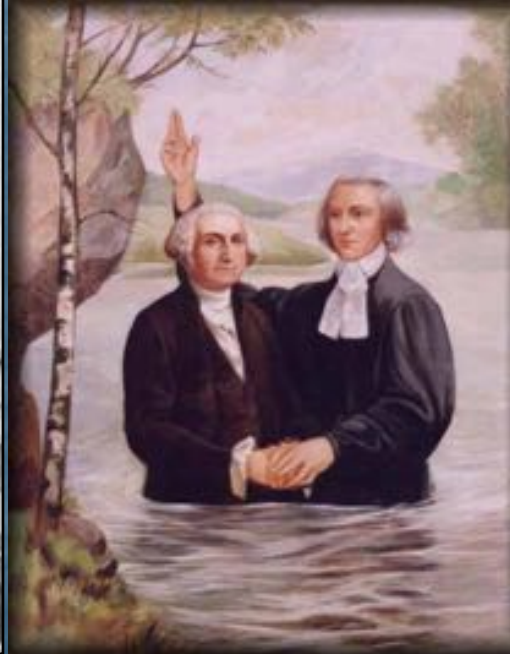
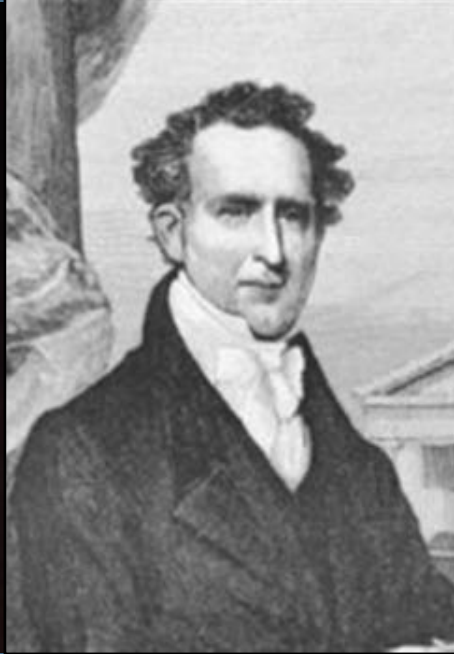
**Pilgrim's Progress
(1678)**



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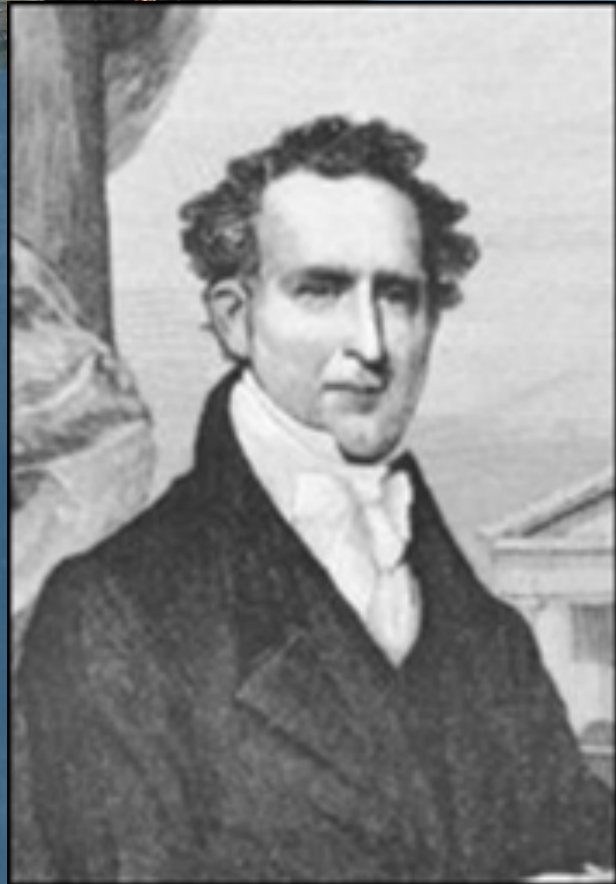




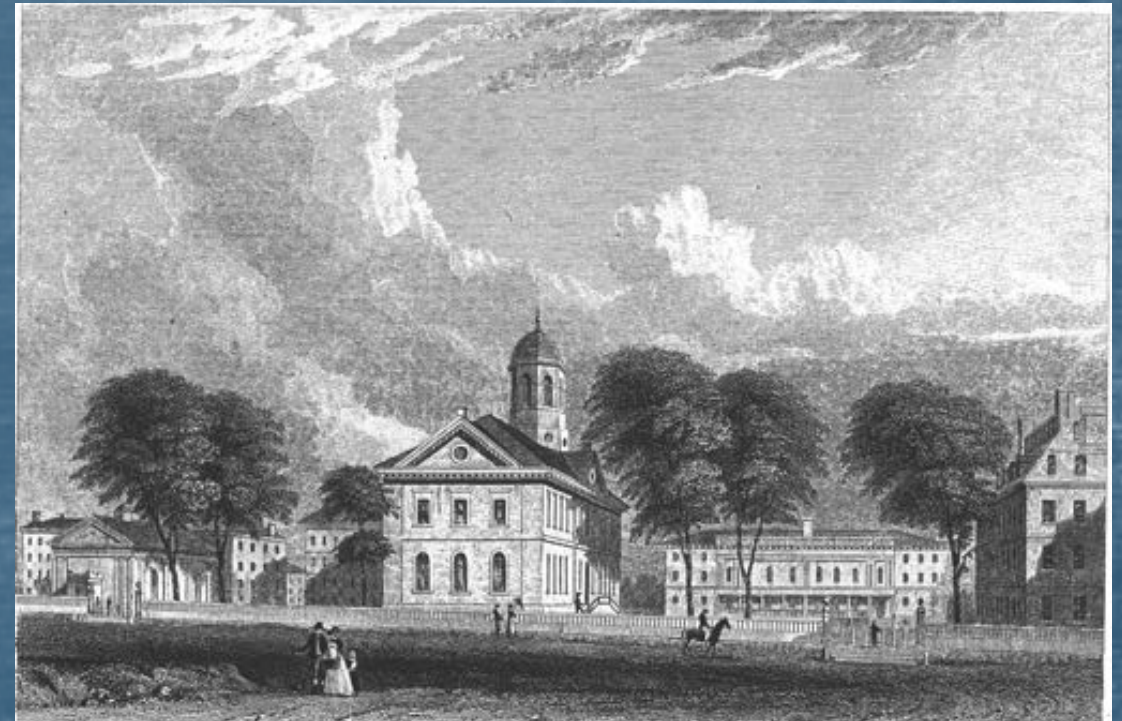
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**Henry
Dunster
(1609-1659)**



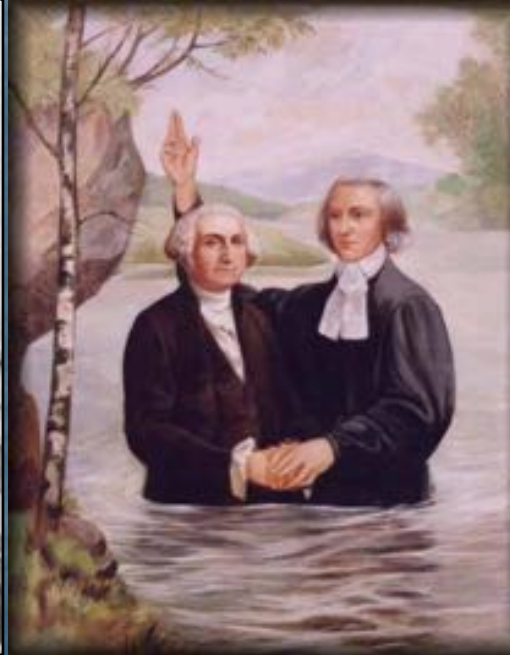
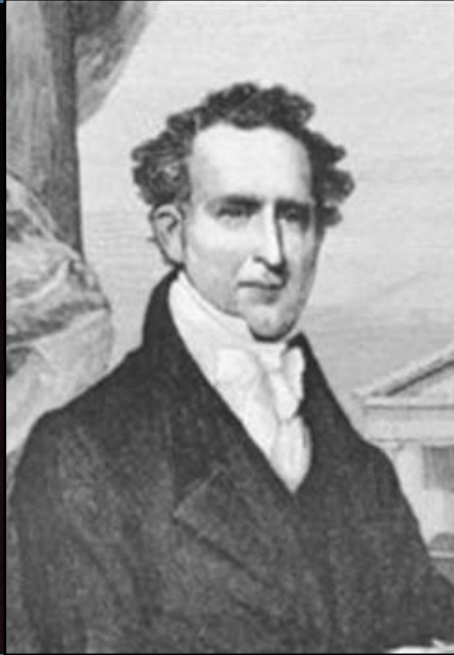
**Harvard University
(1640-1654)**



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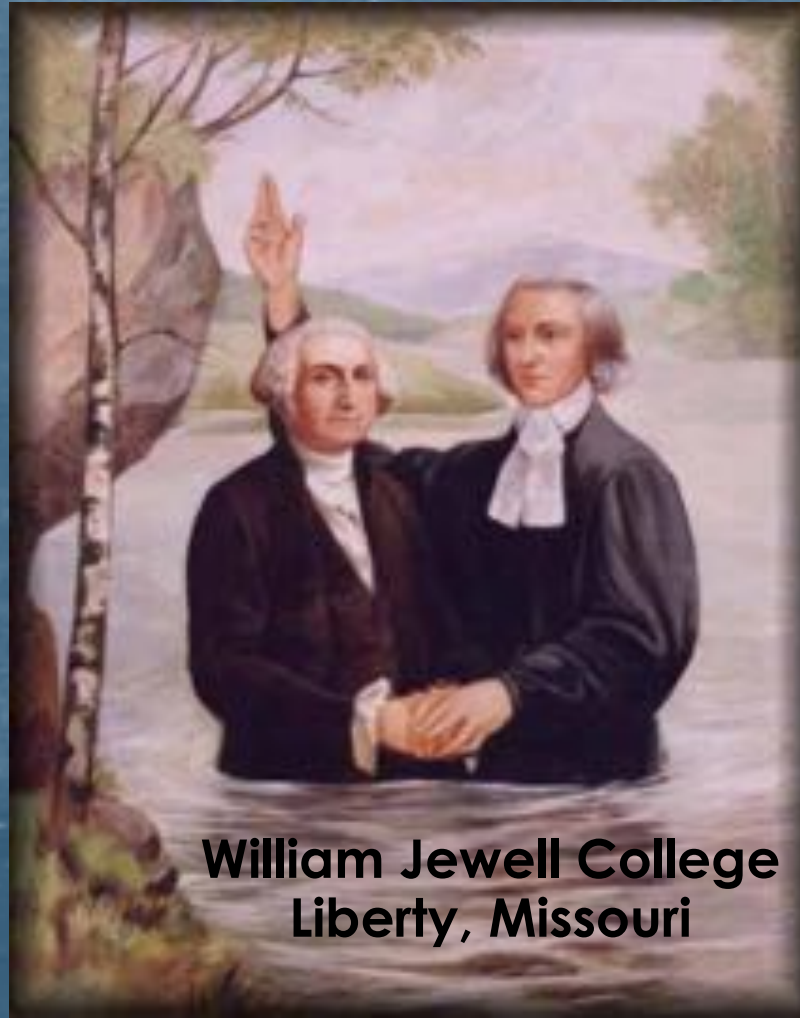


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**George
Washington**
(1732-1799)



William Jewell College
Liberty, Missouri

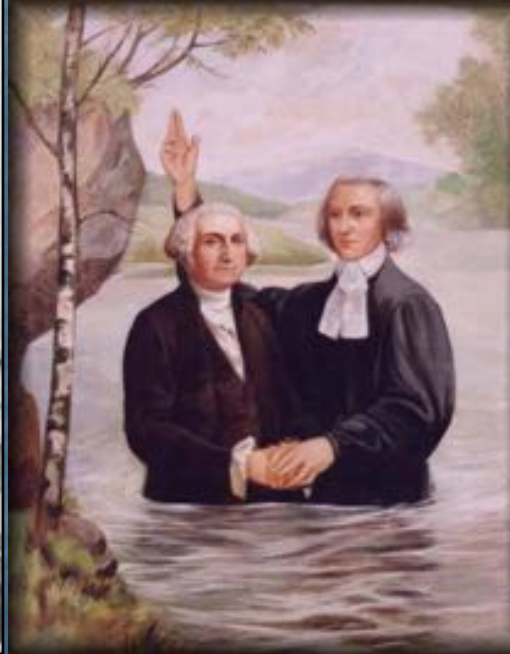
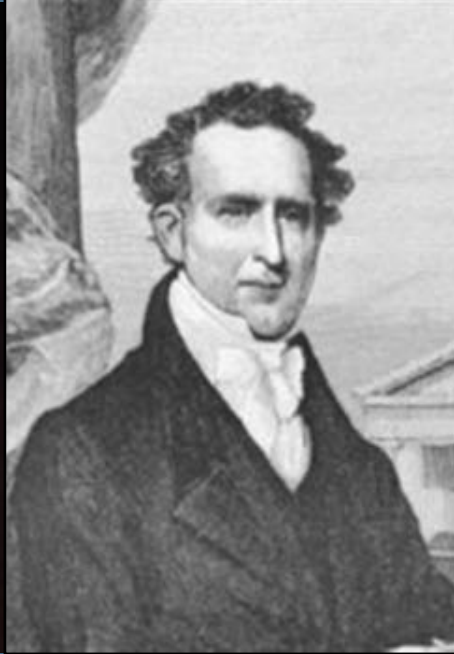
**John
Gano**
(1727-1804)



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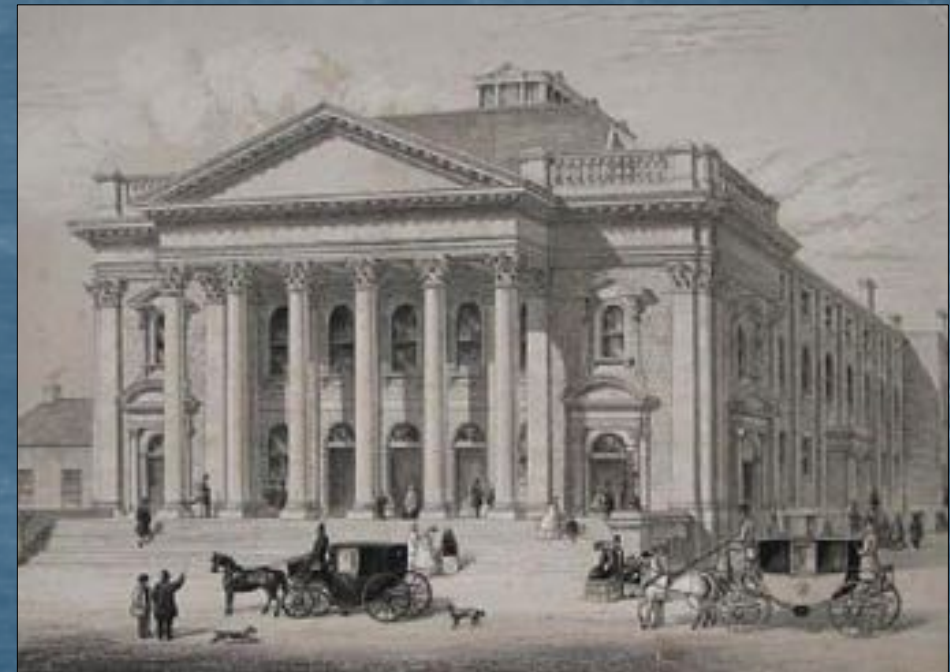


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**Charles H.
Spurgeon
(1834-1892)**



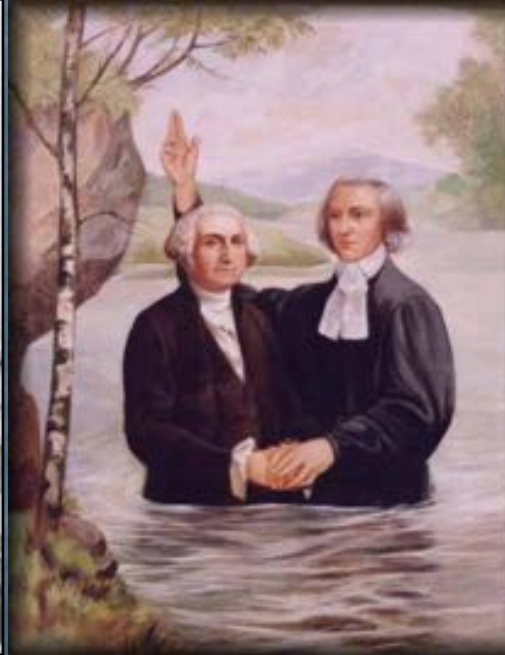
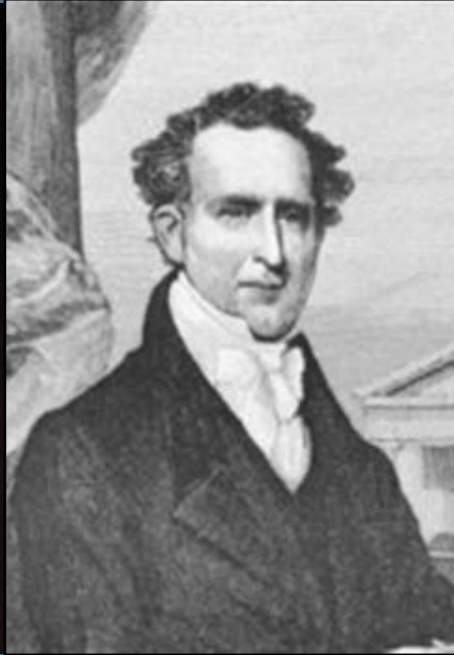
**Metropolitan Tabernacle
(1861)**



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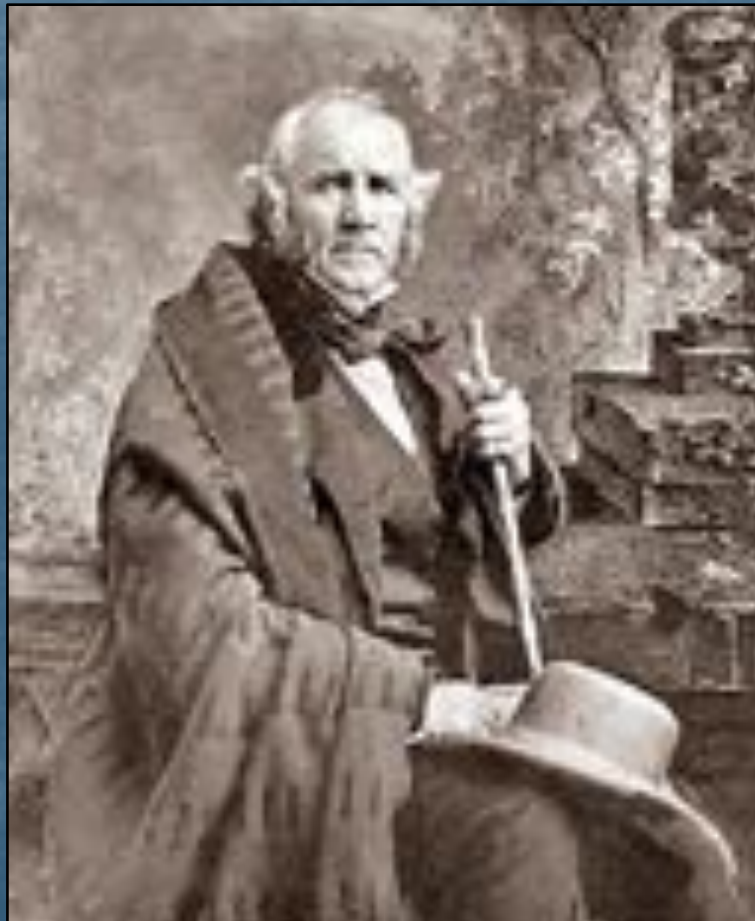


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Sam Houston
(1793-1863)



Rufus Burleson
(1823-1901)
Little Rocky Creek
Nov 19, 1854
Independence Baptist Church



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Gregory Wills
(1962-)

Dean of the
School of
Theology
Southern Baptist
Theological
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“Are Southern Baptists in danger of losing their identity? My response is, ‘No, it is already gone.’ Not entirely gone. Rather it is a withered relic of what it once was and what it should be.”



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When you refuse to be openly identified as something, you will be closer to being identified as nothing.



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Q: Were Catholics the Original Christians?



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A: The Catholic system does not represent in the slightest the model of churches we read of in the New Testament.



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A: What eventually became Catholicism developed out of those who “left” the fellowship of sound churches or those who were “marked” because of their non-biblical teachings.



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**Baptists were neither
Catholic or Protestant**



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The famed reformers - Luther, Calvin, Knox, and others - did not want to REPLACE Catholicism, only REFORM it. So, Protestantism is only modified Catholicism.



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Dilemma # 1:

For those Baptists who affirm that there had been doctrinal purity during the time of Christ and the apostles, Where was it through the centuries that followed? They must make one of two admissions. They must admit that their church's spiritual DNA is Catholicism, if Catholicism came from the apostles.



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**Dilemma
2:**

Or they must sadly admit the apostolic roots died in the Catholic era of apostasy and were resurrected 1,200 years later during the Reformation period, leaving God without a sound witness for over a thousand years.



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A better confession is to under-stand that Catholicism was never *apostolic*, but *apostate* from the beginning.



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New Testament churches had been repeatedly warned by the apostles about internal invasions that threatened the gospel.



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“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him...For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”
(2 Corinthians 11:4, 13-15)



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“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.”

(Acts 20:28-30)



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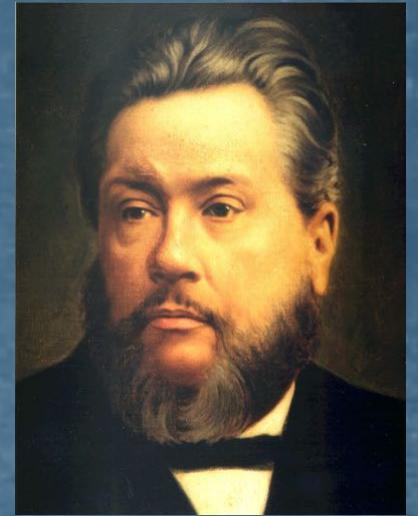
Galatians 1:6-9 – 2 Thess. 3:1-3 – 2 John 9-11



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(1834-1892)*



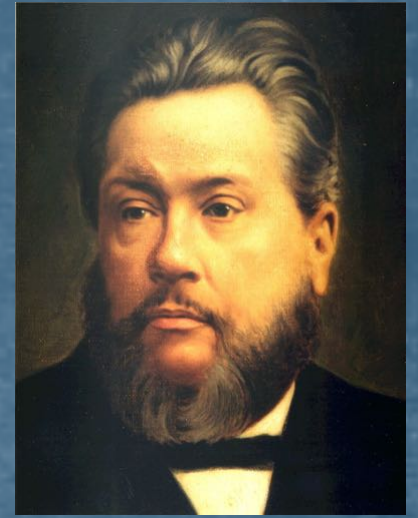
“We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existences at the reformation, we were reformers before Luther or Calvin were born; we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the Apostles themselves. We have always existed from the very days of Christ,



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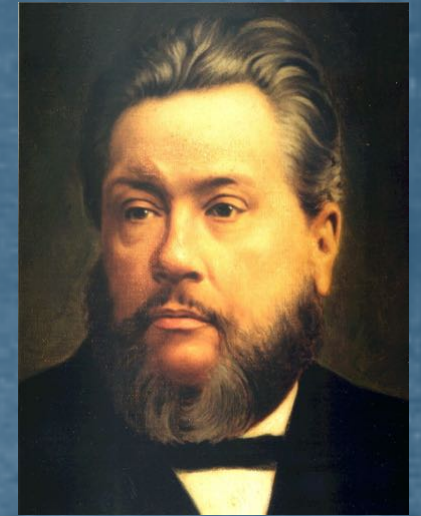
...and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel underground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a government holding Baptist principles which persecuted others;



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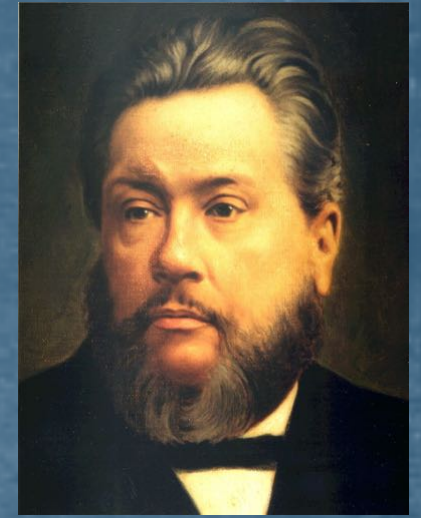
...nor, I believe, any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with Government,



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***...and we will never make the Church,
although the Queen, the despot over the
consciences of men.”***



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Two Streams: One Pure, the other Polluted

Truth and error come from different sources, and when lived out, they follow two different courses and end up at two different destinations



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**Sound Churches Were Not
Always “Baptist” in Name
but Baptist in Principle**



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- **Montanists...150 A.D.** Located in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey).
- **Novatians...150 A.D.** Located in Armenia, Algeria, Spain, Phrygia, Constantinople, Alexandria, Carthage and Rome.
- **Donatists...305 A.D.** Located in Northern Africa.
- **Paulicians...650 A.D.** Located in Armenia.
- **Albigenses...700 A.D.** Located in Eastern Europe.
- **Waldenses...1100 A.D.** Located in Italy, France, Germany and South America
- **Anabaptists...1500 A.D.** Located in Switzerland, England, Moravia, Germany, Western Europe



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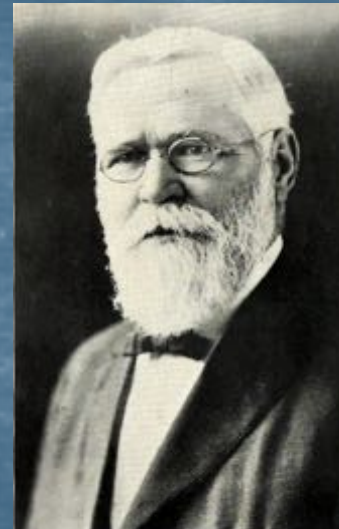
The similarities of these various baptistic groups do not relate to an intentional attempt at succession but came from their individual allegiance to New Testament ecclesiology. What caused their apparent commonality was their love for and obedience to the Scriptures.



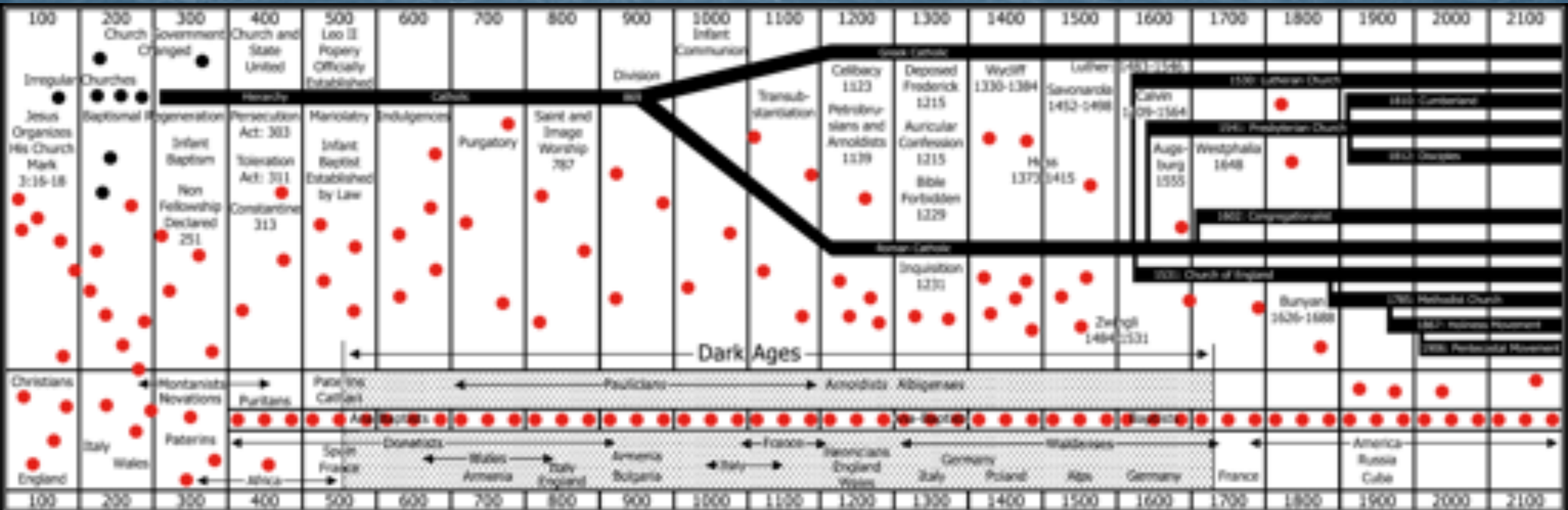
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The Trail of Blood



J. M. Carroll
(1852-1931)

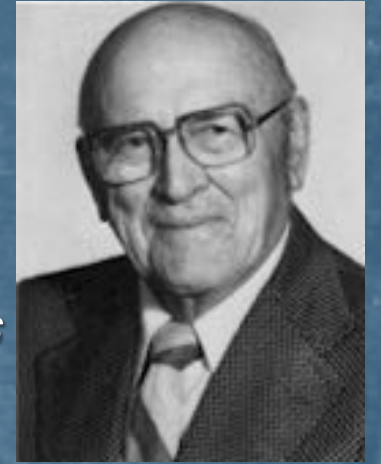




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*Leonard
Verduin
(1897-1999)
Historian
The Reformers
and their
Stepchildren*



“The Anabaptists did not initiate a new school of thought; they merely re-stated an ancient ideology – in the idiom of the sixteenth century to be sure, but ancient nevertheless. No one is credited with having invented the Anabaptism of the sixteenth century for the sufficient reason that no one did. Rebaptizing is as old as Constantinianism. There were Anabaptists, called by that name, in the fourth century.”



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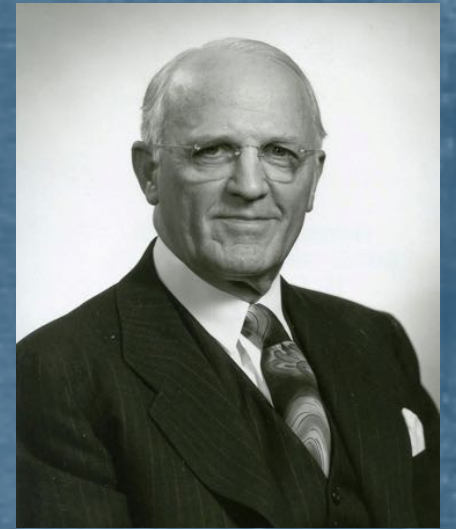
**God's People and Churches
Have Been Persecuted and
Martyred**



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*R. G. Lee
(1886-1978)
Baptist
Pastor*



“Our Baptist forefathers wrote history in blood before they wrote it in ink. They suffered death – made jail bars, whipping posts, and torture racks blossom like Aaron’s rod. As Baptists, traced through the centuries by a trail of blood, we should leave some bloody footprints as did our forefathers...”

1951 SBC Presidential Address



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**God's People and Churches were
Persecuted and Martyred by the Jews**



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**God's People and Churches were
Persecuted and Martyred by the Romans**



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God's People and Churches were Persecuted and Martyred by the Catholics





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God's People and Churches were Persecuted and Martyred by the Protestants in Europe





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God's People and Churches were Persecuted and Martyred by the Protestants in Colonial America





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**Baptists are Different from
Other Christian Denominations**



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**Baptists are More than
Fundamentalists**



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**Baptists are Less than
Evangelicals**



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**Baptists are Not
Charismatic/Pentcostals**



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**Baptists are Not
Ecumenical**



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J. I. Packer
(1926-)
Theologian



Q: How does God, who is not the author of confusion, (1 Corinthians 14:33), work with and bless those who are not entirely scriptural.

A: “God honors the tiny needle of truth hidden in whole haystacks of...error.”



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**Scripture is More Important
Than History**



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*Louis
Entzinger
(1874-1958)
Theologian*



“I do not undervalue church history, but far more important for me than fallible human records of passing events is the New Testament forecast of church history. The former may err – the latter never.”



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*Buel H.
Kazee
(1900-1976)
Baptist
Pastor &
Professor*



“Our appeal is not to history, but to the Scriptures. History has had its good days and bad days, and that which has evolved through the councils and creeds of the last two thousand years is not the right basis of argument here. We go to the New Testament for our proper understanding of the church, and anything in history which does not agree with that is wrong.”



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**God Preserves What He
Treasures**



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God Preserves His Creation,

Colossians 1:16-17

God Preserves the Human Race,

Acts 17:24-28



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**God Preserves His Scriptures,
Psalm 12:6-7**

**God Preserves His ancient people
– the Jews, Psalm 124:1-8**



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God Preserves What He Treasures

God Preserves the Gospel,

Revelation 14:6

God Preserves His children– the saved, 1 Peter 1:5; John 10:27-30



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God Preserves What He Treasures

God Preserves His church,

Matthew 16:18; Matthew 28:20; Ephesians 3:21

The promises of perpetuity are not to an individual church, but to the institution of the church.



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Perpetuity:

The continuous existence of New Testament truth practiced by churches in every age from the time of Christ to the present.



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R. K. Maiden
(1858-1939)
Editor of the
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publication
Western
Recorder

“I have no disposition to exaggerate current conditions and trends but am deeply concerned. Our Baptist Zion is either unaware of the menace of ‘ecclesiological liberalism’ or else supinely (flatly) indifferent. The chief concern so far shown among us seems to be with ‘theological liberalism.’”



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This, too, is a menace of prodigious proportions. But this giant heresy is being recognized for what it is and is being courageously opposed and exposed, while little is being said or done in defense of New Testament ecclesiology – the New Testament Church.



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I do not hesitate to go on record as firmly holding the belief that Baptists have more to fear from ‘ecclesiological liberalism’ than from ‘theological liberalism.’ If, as true Baptists believe,



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Baptists have a heaven-given mission ‘in’ the world and a message ‘for’ the world, and would faithfully perform their mission and deliver their message, at all cost they must maintain their separateness, loyalty, and integrity.”



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KEEPING THE BAPTIST NAME

- **History**
- **Identity**
- **Transparency**
- **Ministry**



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“Baptists need desperately to review their own Baptist history, rethink the Baptist position and rediscover the Baptist conscience.”



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Questions & Discussion