

Baptist Essentials – Why Are We Baptists?

B.A.P.T.I.S.T.S.

The first S stands for _____ and _____ Membership.

Definition: Salvation is a _____ to church membership. Church membership is a covenant community of Biblically _____ believers with a credible testimony, _____ to the church's doctrinal statement, and desire to _____ with others to exercise their spiritual gifts and work towards the Great Commission. Church membership is _____ to unbelievers or those who cannot submit to the doctrinal statement of the church. Church membership is a commitment to _____ through a commitment to each _____.

Regeneration

- Regeneration is an _____ event where God gives us a brand-new heart. The Holy Spirit works in us and enables us to see and properly respond to our _____, to have _____ to follow Christ, and to _____ the Bible as God's Word. Regeneration is also called being _____.
- Repentance involves a heartfelt _____ for sin, a _____ of it, and a sincere commitment to _____ it and walk in _____ to Christ.
- Faith is a _____ of _____ in my good works to _____ upon Christ alone for salvation.

Church Membership Evidence

- 1) The Practice of the _____
- 2) The Priority of the _____
- 3) The Prescription to _____
- 4) The Picture of Church _____

The Biblical Support of Regenerate Church Membership

- 1) The New Testament Epistles were written to churches and spoke to the people of those churches with the presupposition that they were all _____.
- 2) The church is simply defined as the _____ again _____ ones.
- 3) The first church in Jerusalem consisted of _____ only.
- 4) There is a _____ of uniting believers and unbelievers.
- 5) True _____ is built upon the foundation of salvation.

The Benefits of a Regenerate Church Membership

1. Regenerate membership _____ the Lord
2. Regenerate membership _____ doctrine.
3. Regenerate membership _____ the Gospel.
4. Regenerate membership _____ servants.
5. Regenerate membership _____ joy.