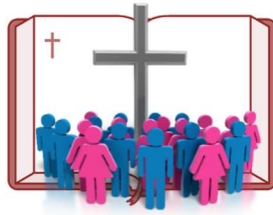


Being Baptist

"You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name."
Psalm 61:5



Lesson 12

"WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?" Baptists Throughout Church History (Part 1)

LESSON AIMS: (1) To give a very broad overview of church history in general, with an explanation of the various views of Baptist history, in particular. (2) To become acquainted with many of the significant Christian groups through the ages that many believe to be the spiritual ancestors of modern-day Baptists.

- **WELCOME & PRAYER / LESSON INTRODUCTION / THEME VERSE / LESSON AIMS**
- **BRIEF REVIEW - PART 1: THE BAPTIST DOCTRINAL HALLMARKS**
 - Major Baptist Distinctives
 - Critical Reminder #1: Proper Baptist Attitude to Other Christian Traditions/Denominations
 - Critical Reminder #2: Knowing Doctrine Without Holy Living Is Useless
- **PART 2: THE BAPTIST DISTINGUISHED HERITAGE**
- **PRELIMINARY REMARKS**
 - Review of Basic Principles of Course
 - The Baptist Name
- **WHERE DID BAPTISTS COME FROM?**
 - Key Reference: Titus 2:11-14
 - Asserted Connections to the New Testament Church
 - Basic Views of Baptist History
 - Outgrowth of English Separatism (Protestant Reformation)
 - Anabaptist Influence (Radical Reformation)
 - Spiritual Kinship (Continuation of New Testament Teaching)

- Unbroken Succession of Baptist Churches (Landmarkism)
- Convergent View
- Conclusion of Your Senior Pastor

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “These historians [who hold the Spiritual Kinship view] seek to trace a continuity of Baptist teachings from New Testament times to the present through earlier dissenting [Christian] groups” (H. Leon McBeth, *The Baptist Heritage*, 1987).

• BEGINNING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

- The Church Established
 - First Mention: Mt. 16:18
 - First Members: 1 Cor. 12:28
 - First Formal Meeting: Acts 1:15
 - First Revival: Acts 2:1-4
- Distinctive Doctrinal Traits: Acts 2:38-47

CRITICAL POINT REGARDING BAPTIST HISTORY: Churches *like* the New Testament church have continued to exist from the time of Christ to the present day.

• DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

- Persecution Scattered the Church (Acts 8:1-5)
- Scriptural Authority Replaced Apostolic Authority (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

• BRIEF SUMMARY OF CHURCH HISTORY

- First 300 Years
- Progress of Doctrinal Error • Era of Constantine • Roman Catholic Church
- Those “Heretic Baptists”
 - Montanists (c. AD 150)
 - Novatians (c. AD 250)
 - Donatists (c. AD 311)
 - Paulicians (c. AD 611)
 - Albigenses (c. AD 900)
 - Waldenses (c. AD 1100)
 - Lollards (c. AD 1315)
- The Dark Ages (AD 476 – 1648)
- The Inquisition (AD 1198 – 1700)
- The Protestant Reformation (16th Century)
 - Baptists as “Baptists” Appeared (1600’s)

• SUMMATION / PREVIEW OF LESSON 13 / BENEDICTION