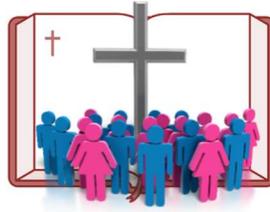


Being Baptist

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



Lesson 2

“THE B-I-B-L-E, YES THAT’S THE BOOK FOR ME” Biblical Authority & The Lordship of Christ

LESSON AIM: To emphasize the historic Baptist belief in Scripture alone as the basis for doctrine, as well as the recognition of the lordship of Christ as a direct and necessary correlation to that belief.

- **WELCOME & REVIEW OF LESSON 1**
- **INTRODUCTION TO PART 1: THE BAPTIST DOCTRINAL HALLMARKS**
 - What Are Distinctives?
 - What Are Baptist Distinctives?
 - B – Biblical Authority & The Lordship of Christ
 - A – Autonomy of the Local Church
 - P – Priesthood of Believers
 - T – Two Ordinances: Baptism & Communion
 - I – Individual Soul Liberty
 - S – Saved Church Membership
 - T – Two Offices: Pastors & Deacons
 - S – Separation of Church & State
 - Proper Baptist Attitude to Others Regarding Doctrinal Differences
- **FIRST DISTINCTIVE: “B” = BIBLICAL AUTHORITY & THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST**
 - Meaning of Biblical Authority
 - Key Reference: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Various Sources of Authority for Churches
 - How Baptists Differ from Other Christian Traditions

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The most prominent basis for religious authority within Baptist distinctives is the Bible. Along with other Christian denominations, Baptists appeal to the Bible as their ultimate, or sole, source for theology. Baptists distance themselves from others, however, by claiming a complete dependence upon Scripture as the principal foundation for belief and practice. Whereas other Christian groups incorporate sources for religious authority such as tradition and experience, Baptists ... contend that they alone consistently regard the Bible their religious authority” (John Q. Adams, *Baptists the Only Thorough Religious Reformers, 1858*).

- Divine Authority of the Bible

- Inspired (2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- Inerrant & Infallible (Ps. 119:89; Mt. 5:18; Jn. 10:35; Rev. 22:18-19)
- Divine Content of the Bible
 - Source of Salvation (Jn. 5:39; Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 1:16, 10:17; 2 Tim. 3:15)
 - Sufficient for Faith & Practice (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
 - Standard for Church Conduct (1 Tim. 3:14-15; 2 Tim. 4:1-4)
- Meaning of the Lordship of Christ
 - Key Reference: Philippians 2:9-11

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “The basic principle of our faith and life as Christians is loyalty to Jesus Christ as our sovereign Lord. As Baptists, whose sole and only Lord is the Saviour, we need to go on record in our own hearts and before the world as claiming no other right to be heard except on the basis of our loyalty to Him” (T. D. Brown, *Re-Thinking Baptist Doctrines*, 1937)

- “The Scarlet Thread” of Scripture (Lk. 24:25-27; Acts 10:43; Eph. 1:21-23)
- **SUMMATION / PREVIEW OF LESSON 3**