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ROGER WILLIAMS – FOUNDER OF BAPTISTS IN AMERICA

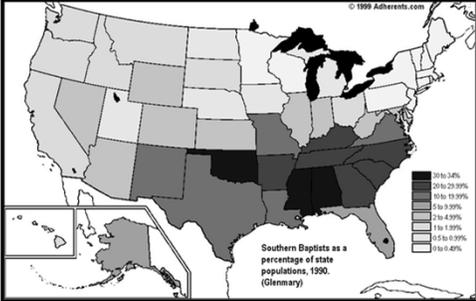


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SOUTHERN BAPTIST MAP



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Founder:

John Smyth (1570-1611) is usually credited as founder. Some say they go back to the days of John the Baptist.

God(s):

They believe in the Trinity: God manifested in three persons.

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Scriptures:

Baptists believe in the inspiration of the HOLY BIBLE. Progressive and Liberal Baptists do not consider some sections relevant for this time. Fundamentalist Baptists believe in its literal inspiration. There is no official teaching on how it may be interpreted though the scriptures are believed to be the final word on all doctrines.

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History:

There are two lines of thought in this regard. One is called the successionist view. That is the teaching of successive stages since the days of Christ. Tracing of their Baptist's faith is linked to groups like the Waldensians, Bogomils, and Anabaptists who had ideas similar to the Baptist's.

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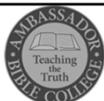
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History:

The second line of thought on their history stems from English Protestantism. John Smyth broke with the Anglican faith feeling they needed more purification. He fled to Holland with his followers in 1608. While there, he became acquainted with the Mennonites and Anabaptists (meaning re-baptizers). With their influence, he established the first Baptist Church in 1609.

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History (continued):

After John Smyth's death in 1611, Thomas Helwys became the leading English Baptist and returned to England to organize the first Baptist Church on British soil. They preached the need for immersion baptism. Not finding freedom of religion too well accepted, many Baptists fled to the United States.

Roger Williams is credited with starting the first Baptist Church in Providence, Rhode Island in 1639.

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History (continued):

The Baptists spread their teaching rapidly. They became the first "convert" church in America believing it was everyone's mission to spread the gospel. They were the first to forge west of the Mississippi with their preachers. Baptists became the largest religious group in the United States in the early 1800's. They were overtaken by the Methodists in the 1820's, but over the years Baptists have grown to surpass the Methodists (since 1920) and are the largest Protestant denomination in America.

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Church Organization:

There are several large conventions of Baptists. Southern Baptists are the largest group comprising some forty percent of all Baptists. They are conservative in thought and practice.

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Church Organization:

The National Baptists' Convention and the National Baptist Convention of America (Black groups) are the second and third largest, with nearly nine million combined. (In fact, nearly forty percent of all Christian Blacks in the United States are Baptists.) The American Baptist Convention was approximately 1.5 million members and tends to be more liberal. There are numerous other smaller groupings in the Baptist tradition.

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Church Organization:

Each local church is autonomous and a law to itself. They operate on democratic principles where geographically possible. Any conventions merely give recommendations and help to promote missionary activity.

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Classical Protestant Theology

1. Justification by grace through faith
2. Faith and works
3. Predestination
4. Prime authority of the Bible
5. Priesthood of all believers
6. Two sacraments – baptism and communion

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Fundamentalism

1. Belief in inspiration of the Bible
2. Belief in the Trinity
3. Belief that Jesus was begotten – True God and True Man
4. Man was created in the image of God and is true man

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Fundamentalism

5. Christ died for the sins of humankind
6. Christ's resurrection, ascension and present life
7. Personal imminent pre-millennial return of Jesus
8. Born again doctrine
9. Bodily resurrection of the just and unjust; rewards for the righteous and punishment for the wicked

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Creed: No certain fixed creed to which all adhere.

Beliefs and Characteristics:

- There is a wide diversity of beliefs owing to so much freedom of government for each local church. Yet, among the larger Protestant groups, Baptists would be the most conservative Body.
- No sacraments - Lord's Supper and adult baptism by immersion are important ordinances. The Lord's Supper for believers only - generally once per month.

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Beliefs and Characteristics:

- Hell is a reality - Everlasting punishment of incorrigibles.
- Tend to be against all forms of worldliness - drinking, card playing, dancing, etc.
- Aside from the Seventh Day Baptists, other Baptists keep Sunday.
- They look forward to the return of Christ to the earth

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Beliefs and Characteristics:

- All are to be involved in spreading the gospel. (Some have testimonies and experiences printed on leaflets and pass them out.)
- Women have been ordained as ministers in the more liberal conventions.
- "Once saved, always saved" view.
- Bodily resurrection.
- Separation of Church and State

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Beliefs and Characteristics:

- Salvation involves:
 1. New Birth - Person becomes a new creature in Christ as a result of repentance, faith and baptism
 2. Sanctification - Being set apart by God's Spirit.
 3. Glorification - The final happy state of the redeemed individual.

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Beliefs and Characteristics:

ALL BAPTISTS BELIEVE:

- The supremacy of Scripture
- Religious Freedom
- Baptism of Believers
- Independence of the local congregations

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Prominent Locations:

United States	Europe
Asia	Africa

Nearly one-half million in former U.S.S.R.

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What you
miss by
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HELL

PSALMS 9:17 - "THE WICKED SHALL BE TURNED INTO HELL"

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A Tip For You:

Thank you for your friendly service! Now will you accept this friendly tip? If you will accept it, it will be the most valuable tip you will receive. This is the tip: Jesus Saves. I want you to accept this gift. It is a free gift; salvation cannot be bought.

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A Tip For You:

This tip recommends unto you a Savior who came into the world to save sinners. First, be sure you need this Savior. Romans 3:23, a scripture in the Bible, reads: *“For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* Just as ALL have sinned, ALL who believe in Jesus Christ have everlasting life. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish; but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).

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A Tip For You:

Acts 16:30-31 tells of a jailor who asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” The answer: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” Romans 10:13 repeats the answer, *“Whosoever shall all upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

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A Tip For You:

How does one call upon the Lord? First, admit YOU are a sinner. Next believe Jesus died for YOU. *“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Romans 5:8).

When Jesus died on the cross, He died for YOU - He paid YOUR sin debt. YOU only have to believe in Him and accept Him as YOUR personal Savior.

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A Tip For You:

Do not just accept the fact that there is a Savior, but accept Him as YOUR Savior. John 6:37 assures us God will accept a sorrowing sinner: *“Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.”*

In return for your wonderful service, will you accept this wonderful Savior? Can you say, “I was lost, but now I am found?”

NOTE: If you are saved, please hand this to someone who is unsaved. Thank you.

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Doctrinal Statement North American Baptist Association

The churches of this Association heartily subscribe to and agree to defend and promulgate the historic Missionary Baptist Faith and Practice, the interpretation of which is tersely stated as follows:

1. The Trinity of God.
2. The infallible and plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures.
3. The Biblical account of creation.

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4. The personality of Satan.
5. Hereditary and total depravity of man in his natural state involving his fall in Adam.
6. The virgin birth and deity of Jesus.
7. Christ's atonement for fallen man.
8. His bodily resurrection and ascension back to His Father.

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9. The person and work of the Holy Spirit
10. Justification before God by faith without any admixture of works.
11. Separation of God's children from the world.
12. Water baptism (by immersion) to be administered to believers only any by Divine authority as given to Missionary Baptist churches.

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13. The Lord's Supper, a church ordinance to be administered to baptized believers only and in Scriptural church capacity.
14. Eternal security of the believer.
15. The establishment of a visible church by Christ Himself during His personal ministry on Earth.
16. World wide missions according to the Great Commission which Christ gave His church (Matthew 28:19-20).

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17. The perpetuity of Missionary Baptist churches from Christ's day on earth until His second coming.
18. The right of scriptural churches to be held as equal units in their associated capacities, with equal rights and privileges for all.
19. The subjection of all scriptural associational assemblies and their committees to the will of the churches, so that they shall forever remain as servants of the churches originating them.

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20. The separation of the Lord's Church from all so-called churches or church alliances which advocate, practice, or uphold heresies and other human innovations which are not in harmony with the word of God. Open communion, alien baptism, pulpit affiliation with heretical churches, modernism, and all kindred evils arising from these practices are unscriptural.

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21. The only valid baptism is that administered by the authority of a scriptural Missionary Baptist church. Any so-called Baptist Church which knowingly receives alien baptism, habitually practices this or other evils as those listed in statement 20 cannot be a scriptural Baptist church, nor can its ordinances remain valid.

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- 22. The personal, bodily and imminent return of Christ to earth.
- 23. The bodily resurrection of the dead.
- 24. The reality of heaven, involving Divine assurance of eternal happiness for the redeemed of God.
- 25. The reality of Hell; involving everlasting punishment of the incorrigible wicked.
- 26. We believe in absolute separation of church and state.

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NOTE: The following statements are not binding upon the churches already affiliated with this association, nor require adoption by churches petitioning this body for privileges of cooperation, nor to be a test of fellowship between brethren of churches. However, they do express the preponderance of opinion among the churches of the North American Baptist Association:

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- We believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ to earth, after which He shall literally reign in peace upon the earth for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4-6).
- We believe the Scriptures to teach two resurrections: the first of the righteous at Christ's coming; the second of the wicked dead at the close of the thousand-year reign (1st Thessalonians 4:13-17; Revelation 20:4-6, 12-15).

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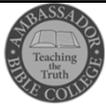
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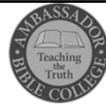
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What Am I?

1. America's First Convert Church
2. Worldliness is forbidden
3. The Lord's Supper once/month
4. "Once saved, always saved"
5. Baptism by immersion
6. Religious liberty

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What Am I?

1. America's First Convert Church

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| Pro: | Con: |
| Matthew 28:19-20 | John 6:44 |
| Proverbs 11:30 | Matthew 16:18 |
| 1 Corinthians 9:19-21 | Ephesians 4:11-12 |

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What Am I?

2. Worldliness is Forbidden

- James 1:27
- 1John 2:15
- Revelation 18:4
- Galatians 5:19
- Romans 12:2

We need to guard against a worldly ATTITUDE.

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What Am I?

3. The Lord's Supper, Observed Once a Month?

- Leviticus 23:5
- Exodus 13:10
- Luke 2:41
- 1 Corinthians 11:26

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What Am I?

4. "Once Saved, Always Saved"

- Matthew 24:13
- Ezekiel 18:20-28
- 1 Corinthians 9:27
- 1 Corinthians 10:12
- Hebrews 6:4-6
- Hebrews 10:26
- Revelation 3:11

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What Am I?

5. Baptism by Immersion

- Romans 6:4
- Colossians 2:12
- Matthew 3:16
- John 3:23
- Acts 8:38-39

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What Am I?

6. Religious Liberty (Church and State Separate)

- John 18:36
- John 8:23
- Philippians 3:20
- Galatians 3:28

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