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Baptist Basics 101

Part Two

Overview

- Part One - Baptist Beliefs
- Part Two - Baptist History

Review of Last Week

- Baptists are defined by their doctrine.
- Baptists believe in:
 - Fundamentals of the Christian Faith
 - Baptist Distinctives

The Fundamentals

- The Trinity
- Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Infallibility of Scripture
- Incarnation, Virgin Birth, Sinless Life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Substitutionary Atonement of Jesus Christ
- Salvation by Grace through Faith
- Reality of Second Coming, Heaven, and Hell

The Baptist Distinctives

- Bible as Sole Authority for Faith and Practice
- Autonomy of the Local Church
- Priesthood of the Believer
- Two Ordinances in Church
- Individual Soul Liberty
- Separation of Church and State
- Two Offices in Church Government
- Salvation by Grace Through Faith



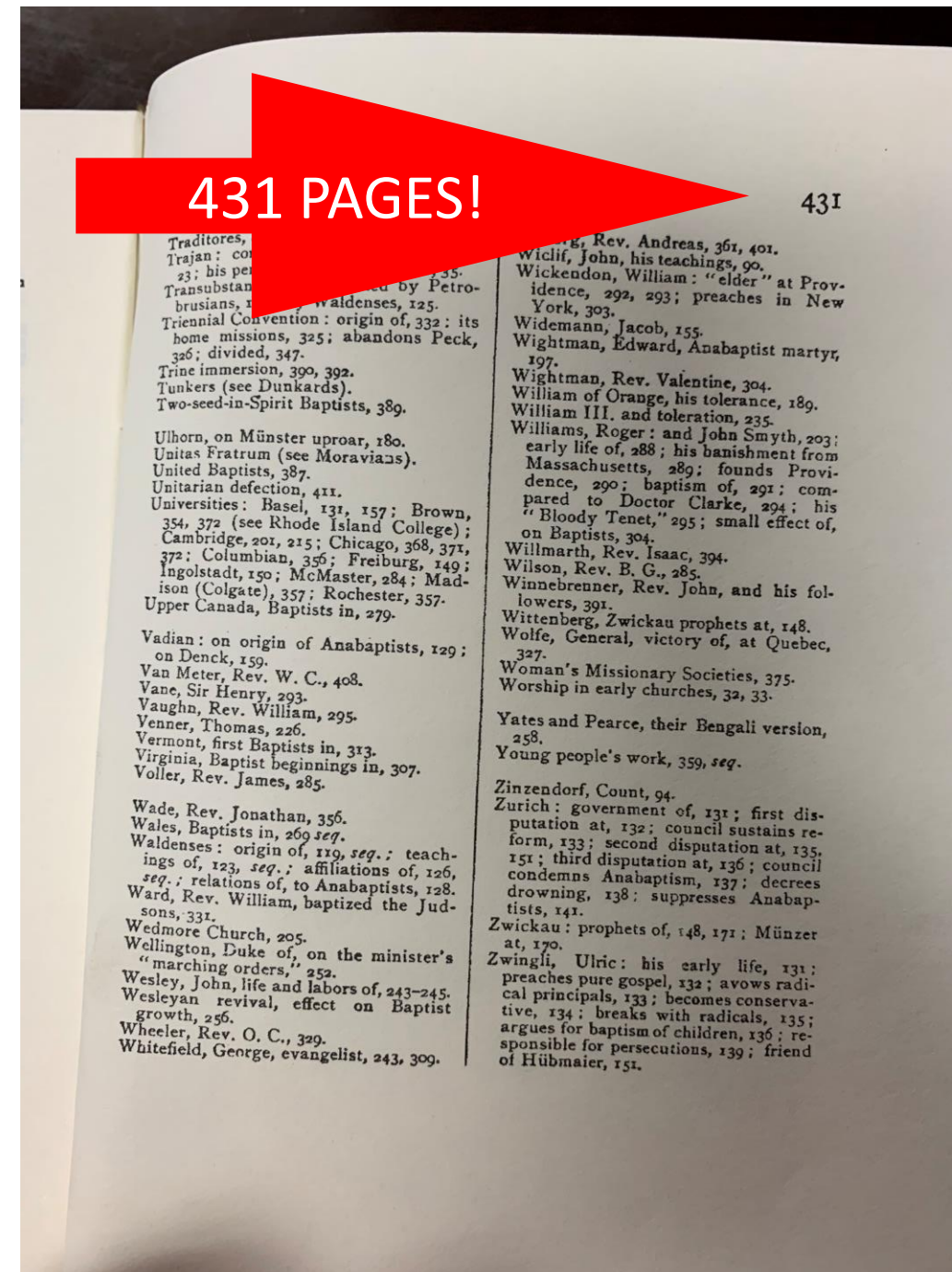
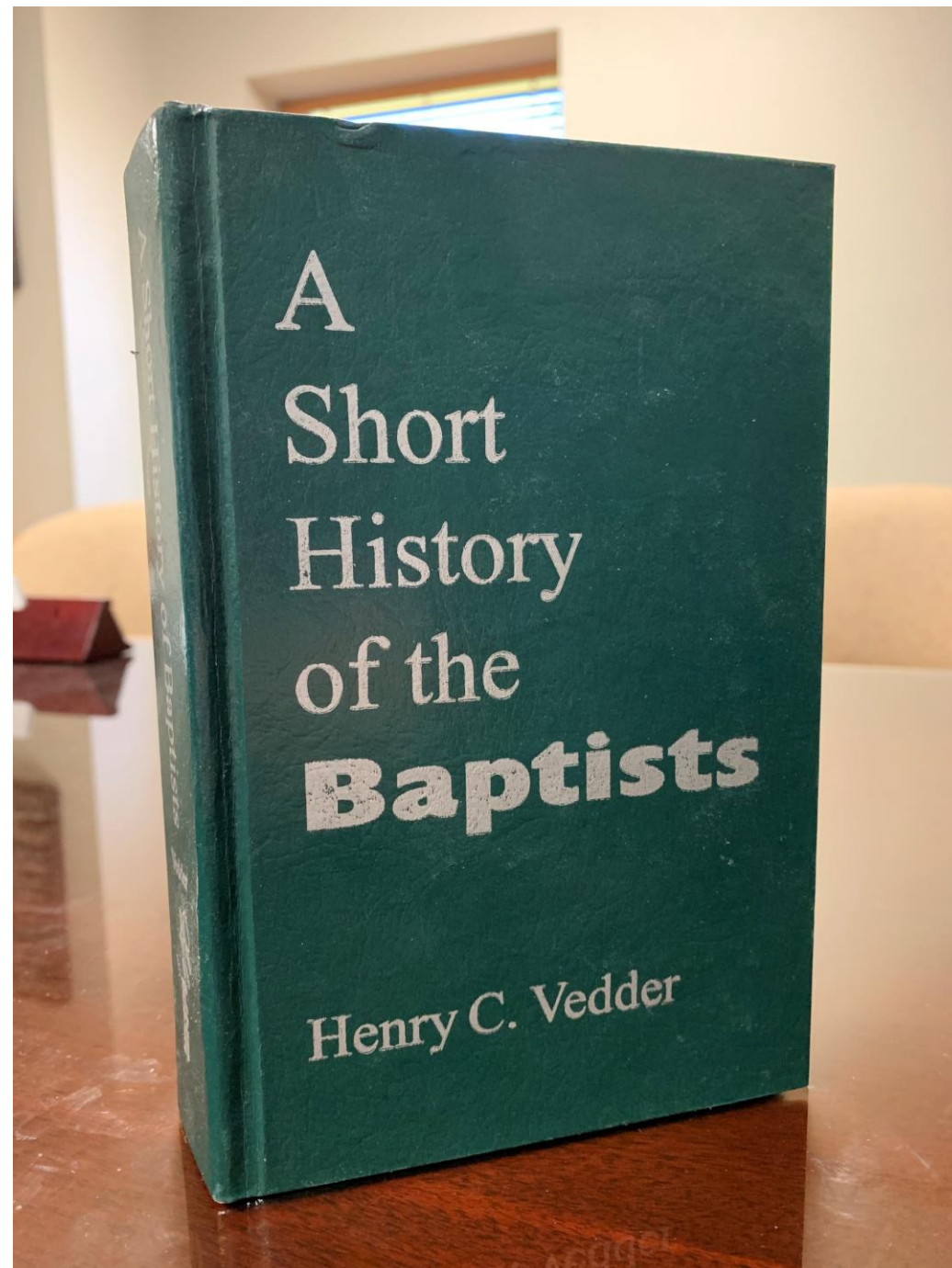
Part Two - Baptist History



The Daunting Task

- Almost 2,000 years of history
- Baptist and non-Baptist groups
- Relationships to secular history

“Short” History



Our Outline

- Key to Baptist History
- Pre-Baptist Groups
- The Modern Baptist Movement
- Early Baptists in America
- Baptists in Texas

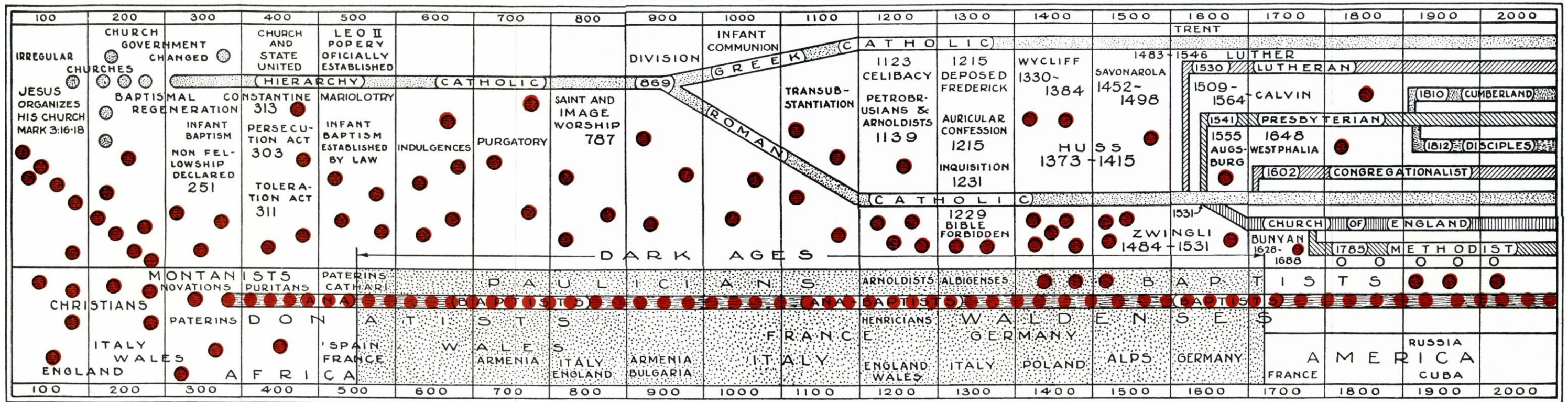




The Key to Baptist History

Baptist Succession

THE TRAIL OF BLOOD By DR. J. M. CARROLL



EXPLANATION OF THE CHART
By DR. J. M. CARROLL

ILLUSTRATING the History of the Baptist Churches from the time of their founder, the Lord Jesus Christ, until the 20th Century.

1. The purpose of this book and chart is to show according to History that Baptists have an unbroken line of churches since Christ and have fulfilled His prophecy — "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT." In the irregular churches is clearly seen the growth of Catholicism and Protestantism. Baptists are not Protestants since they did not come out of the Catholic Church.

2. The numbers at the top and bottom represent 20 centuries. The first vertical line is A.D. 1, and the second, A.D. 100, and so on.

3. The horizontal lines at the bottom have between them the nicknames given to Baptists during the passing years and ages — Novations, Montanists, Paulicans and Waldenses.

4. THE RED CIRCLES REPRESENT BAPTIST CHURCHES beginning with the first Church at Jerusalem, founded by Christ during His earthly ministry, and out of which came the churches of Judea, Antioch and others. The red indicates they were persecuted. In spite of the bitterest opposition and persecution Baptist Churches are found in every age. The first nickname given them was Christians, the next Ana-Baptists, and so on. You will notice that the dark ages are represented by a dark space. Even

during this time you will notice a continual line of churches called Ana-Baptists. They were continually and bitterly persecuted even unto death by the Catholics. Near the first of the 16th Century the Ana was dropped and they were simply called Baptists.

5. THE BLACK CIRCLES REPRESENT CHURCHES INTO WHICH ERROR CAME AND ARE THEREFORE CALLED — IRREGULAR CHURCHES. The first error was in church Government — Pastors assumed authority not given them by Christ. Pastors of larger churches claimed authority over other and smaller churches. Thus in the 3rd Century the Roman Hierarchy was established. The Emperor Constantine issued a call in 313 inviting all churches to send representatives to form a council. The red churches — that is Baptist Churches — refused the invitation but the irregular churches responded. The

Emperor was made the head and thus the group of churches known as irregular churches became the State Church. The Emperor continued to head the churches until Leo II claimed authority as the successor of Peter. Thus is seen how the error in church Government developed into Popery. In the 16th Century the Protestant Churches began to come out of the Roman Catholic Church. They are called Protestants because they protested against the errors of Catholicism.

6. It was in the year 251 that Baptist Churches declared nonfellowship with the irregular churches. They refused to accept baptism administered in infancy or for Salvation and thus came the oldest nickname — Ana-Baptists which means rebaptizers.

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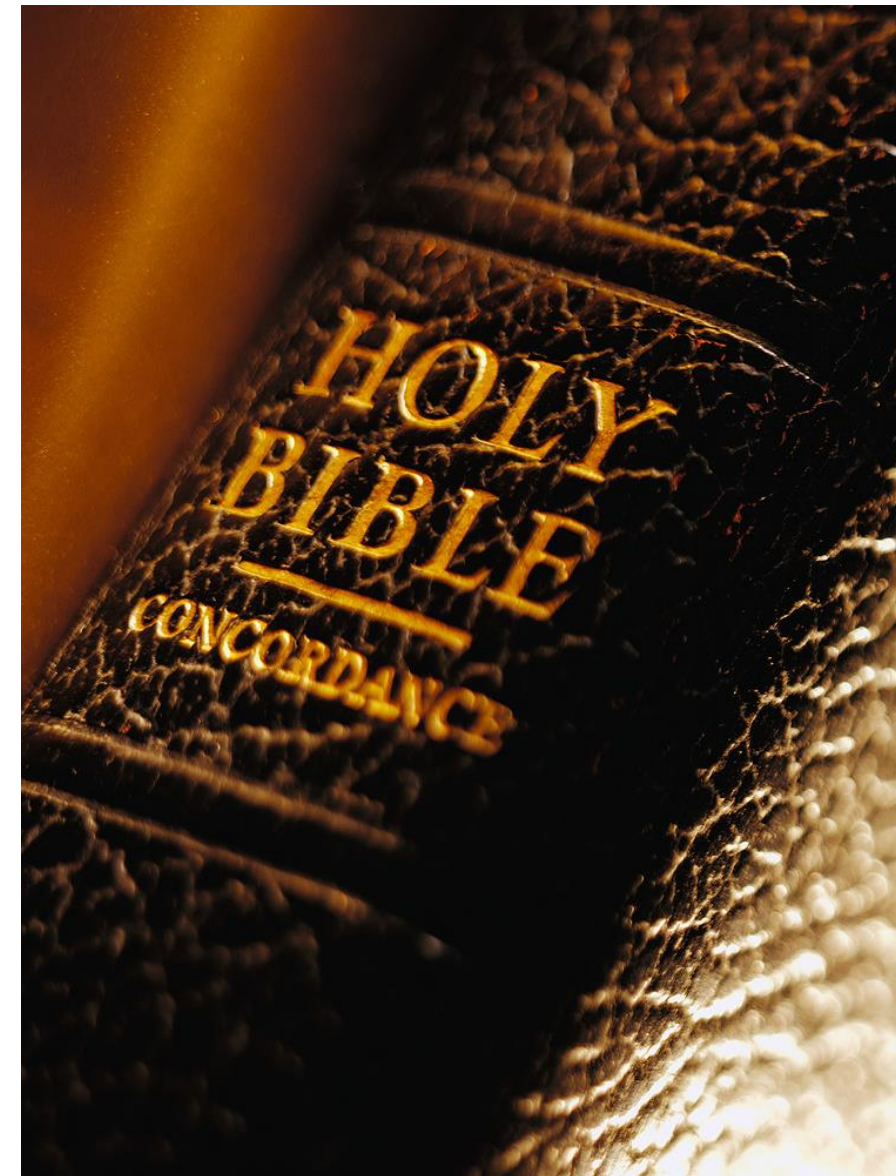
- Some Baptists hold that the Baptists are the latest in a long line of connected groups from the New Testament Era to the Present that faithfully hold the truth.

Baptist Succession

- It is not important the “connect the dots” between the groups.
 - Baptists are not dependent on a family tree.
- It is important to see that truth has never ceased.
 - Baptists are dependent on the truth of the Bible.
- Where the Bible is read with open heart and mind, Baptist doctrine or practice are sure to follow.

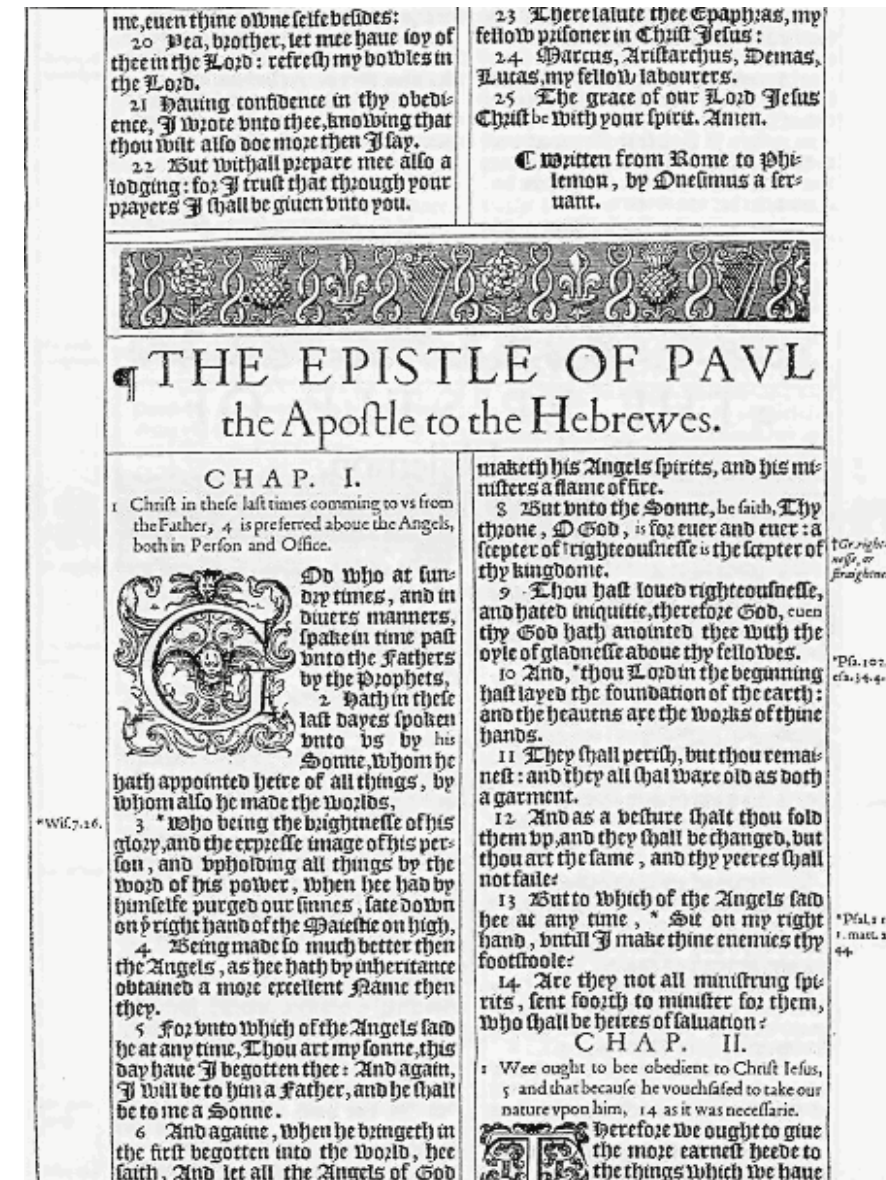
The Key to Baptist History

The key to Baptist history, doctrine, and practice is the belief in the Bible as Sole Authority for faith and practice



Baptists and the Bible

- “If it were possible today to extinguish Separatism with its doctrines and adherents, and the open Bible were yet retained, there would be Baptists and Congregationalists to-morrow.”
- John H. Shakespeare in “Baptists and Congregational Pioneers”, 1906.



The Baptist Recipe

- ONE BIBLE
- ONE READER
- Mix well using literal interpretation and an open heart





Pre-Baptist Groups

Pre-Baptist Groups

- There have been throughout Church History groups that remained independent of the Catholics and then later the Protestants
- Some of the groups held some or all of the Baptist Distinctives
- They are marked by
 - Stand for Truth
 - Evangelism
 - Receiving Persecution

Pre-Baptist Groups

- These groups appear throughout Church History
- These groups appears across the globe
- These groups appear at times with little or no outside influence



Pre-Baptist Groups

- Many of these were small congregations whose influence was local and often “under the radar” of historical record
- Sometimes these groups grew into movements
- Often our real knowledge of these groups is from records of their persecution (which are heavily biased)

Examples

(that we don't have time to go over...)

- Montanists
- Donatists
- Novations
- Cathars
- Waldenses
- Lollards
- Albigenses
- Petrobrusians
- Henricians
- Arnoldists
- Berengarians
- Taborites
- Bogomils
- Anabaptists





The Modern Baptist Movement

Rise of the English Baptists

- The modern-day Baptists rose out of England in the early 1600's
- These early English Baptists were somewhat influenced by European Anabaptists and English Separatists
- Their major influence was the Bible and a desire to return to its purest teachings
- Most modern historians mistakenly contend that Baptists and Baptist doctrine begin here

John Smyth

- 1570-1612
- Former Anglican priest
- In 1609 founded the first English Baptist church of record..... while in Holland.
- Baptized himself, then baptized his followers



Famous English Baptists

- John Bunyan (1628-1688)
- William Carey (1761-1834)
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)





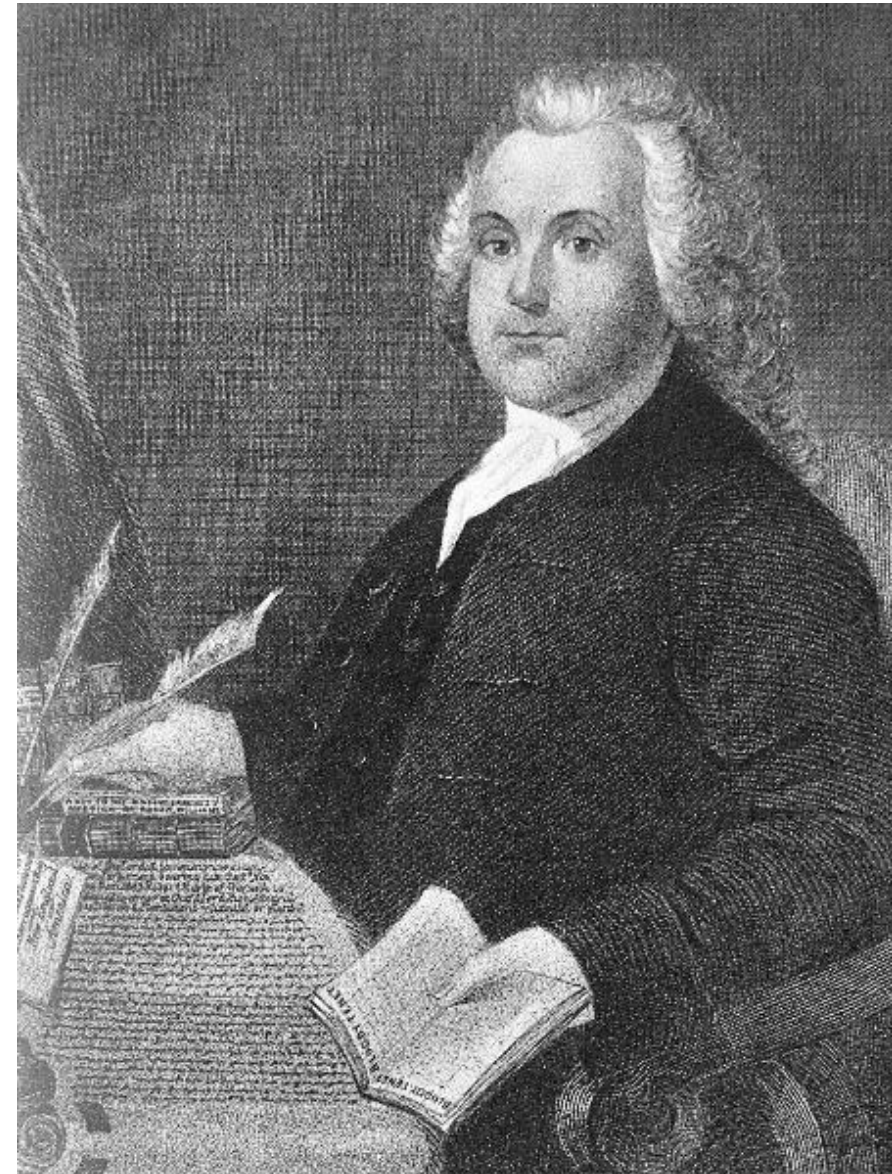
Baptists in America

Religion in Early America

- The earliest settlers and explorers almost all Catholic (Spanish/French) or Anglican/Puritan (British)
- Many religious groups sought religious freedom in the New World
- The Pilgrims had Baptist ties, held some Baptist beliefs, but were not Baptist.

Roger Williams

- 1603-1683
- Came to America in 1631
- Identified as Anglican, Puritan, Separatist, Baptist, then “Independent”
- Though Baptist for only a few months, led in organizing the first Baptist church in America



Famous Early American Baptists

- John Clarke (1609-1676)
- Isaac Backus (1724-1806)
- Adoniram Judson (1788-1850)





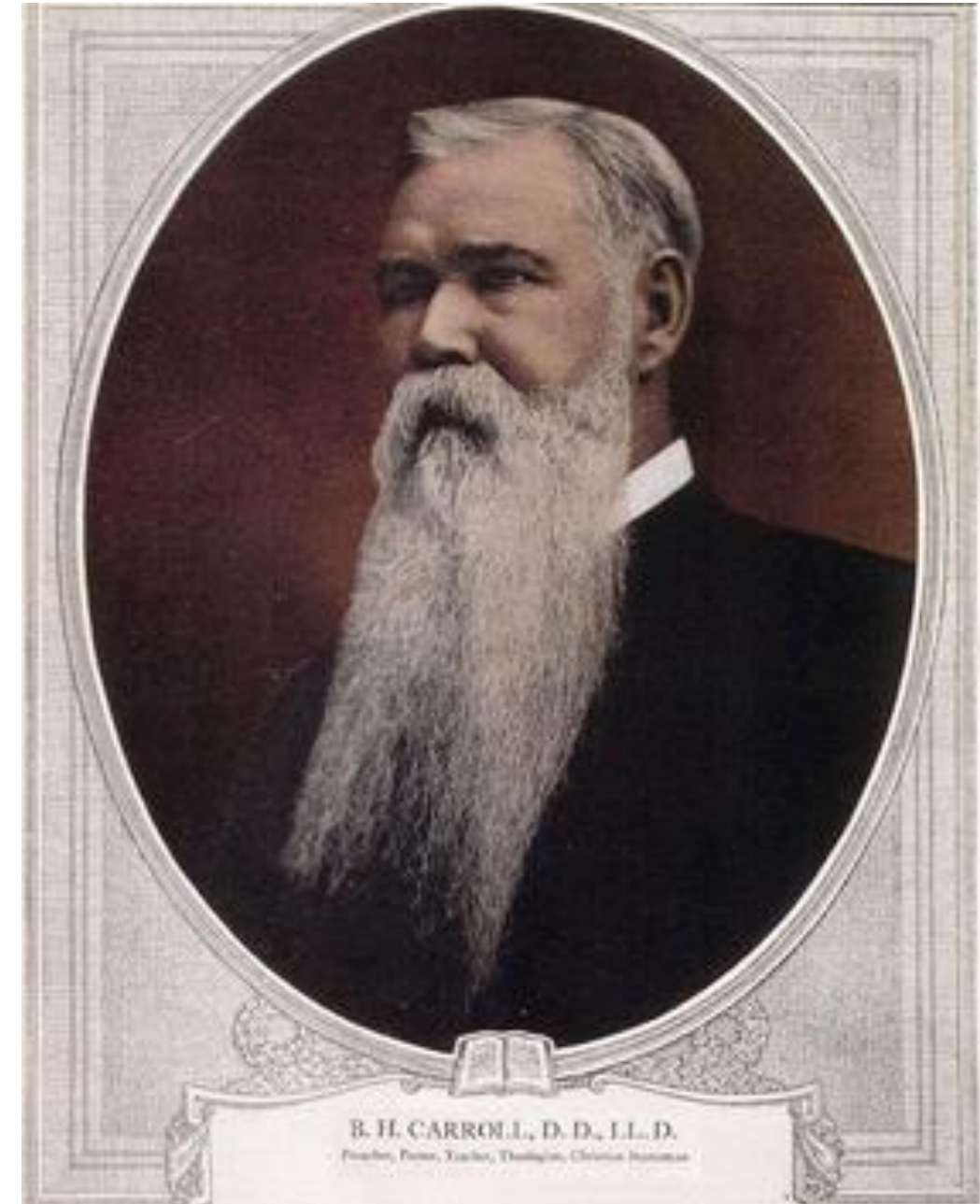
Baptist in Texas

Baptist Pioneers

- It was illegal to be anything but a Catholic under Mexican law.
- The first Baptist preacher in Texas was most likely Joseph Bays who preached near the Sabine River in June, 1820. He may have performed the first baptism in Texas at that same meeting.
- Bays was arrested while preaching in San Felipe in 1823. He escaped his Mexican captors and fled to Louisiana but returned after independence was won.

B.H. Carroll

- 1843-1914
- Son of Baptist preacher, but not converted until 1865
- Pastored First Baptist Church in Waco from 1870-1899
- Led in starting the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Author of *An Interpretation of the English Bible* and many of his sermons were printed in books.



J. Frank Norris

- 1877-1952
- Pastored First Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, and Temple Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan
- Controversial, to say the least
- Major influence in the Independent, Fundamental Baptist movement



Famous Texas Baptists

- Sam Houston – Baptized Nov. 19, 1854
- Z.N. “Wildcat” Morrell (1803-1883)
- George W. Truett (1867-1944)
- W.A. Criswell (1909-2002)

