

# "Baptist Distinctives- Part 1"

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## 1. Introduction

### a. Baptist distinctives

- Acronym naming themes
- B = Bible authority
- A = Autonomas - self rule
- P = Priesthood of Christian
- T = Two offices
- I = Individual soul liberty
- S = Separation of church & state
- T = Two ordinances

## 2. Bible authority

### a. Common word

- ### b. Also called Scriptures, Word of God, "Law & the Prophets"
- also called "God breathed; inspired Scripture (2 Tim 3:16)
  - 2 Pet 1:20-21 prophecy of Scripture moved by Holy Spirit
  - Lk 24:27 Moses (the Law) & the prophets the Scriptures concerning Himself (Jesus)
  - Heb 4:12 as a cutting sword

## 3. Autonomy

### a. Self ruled local church

- church is independent
- local church rules itself

### b. Historical sense

- democracy in local church
- ruled by congregation & church officers, according to Bible
- Jesus, Under Shepherd pastor, [elder(s)], deacons, Christian members

#### 4. Priesthood of each believer

- a. Every Christian can go directly to Jesus Christ directly
- b. Jesus Christ is only Mediator (1 Tim 2:5) between God the Father & Christian
- c. Every Christian a holy priesthood as living stones in spiritual house (1 Pet 2:5)
- d. One Mediator only
  - 1 Tim 2:5 man Christ Jesus
  - Heb 4:14, 16 Jesus son of God, great High Priest come boldly

#### 5. Two church offices

- a. Bishop (elder), presbyter, pastor
  - senior leader(s)
  - qualifications (1 Tim 3:1-7)
- b. Deacons
  - servant leaders, "table servers"
  - qualifications (1 Tim 3:8-13)

#### 6. Conclusion

- a. Every Baptist distinctive based on Bible, God's authority given to mankind in written form
- ~~b. Ps 103:17, Exod 34:7, Num 14:18~~
  - ~~- God mercy endures forever~~
  - ~~\* 1 Chron 16:34~~
- ~~c. Goodness of God endures forever~~
  - ~~- Ps 52:1~~
- ~~d. Ps 100:5 His truth endures to all generation~~
- b. Every Baptist church self ruled