

WHY WE ARE BAPTIST

“As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other **doctrine**.” (I Timothy 1:3)

“For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound **doctrine**.” (I Timothy 1:10)

“If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good **doctrine**, whereunto thou hast attained.” (I Timothy 4:6)

“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to **doctrine**.”
(I Timothy 4:13)

“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the **doctrine**; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.” (I Timothy 4:16)

“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and **doctrine**.” (I Timothy 5:17)

“Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his **doctrine** be not blasphemed.” (I Timothy 6:1)

“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the **doctrine** which is according to godliness.” (I Timothy 6:3)

“But thou hast fully known my **doctrine**, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience.” (II Timothy 3:10)

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” (II Timothy 3:16)

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and **doctrine**.” (II Timothy 4:2)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound **doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”
(II Timothy 4:3)

“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound **doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.” (Titus 1:9)

“But speak thou the things which become sound **doctrine**.” (Titus 2:1)

“In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in **doctrine** shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity.” (Titus 2:7)

“Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the **doctrine** of God our Saviour in all things.” (Titus 2:10)

Doctrine is defined as what we believe.

- * the difference between a Baptist and an atheist is “what we believe”
- * the difference between a Baptist and a cult is “what we believe”
- * the difference between a Baptist and a Catholic is “what we believe”
- * the difference between a Baptist and a Protestant is “what we believe”

Doctrine not only is defined as what we believe but it describes who we are.

- * our history is separate from that of Catholic, Protestant or any other denominational history
- * Baptist church history is a very storied, persecuted but victorious history

We live in a time when many churches are dropping the name “Baptist” from their church. There are also many churches still called “Baptist” who have long ago departed from the doctrinal teachings of the Word of God that have defined Baptists.

The purpose of this study is to remind us of what it means to be a Baptist and to encourage us to be thankful to be Baptists.