

TWELVE BASIC REASONS WHY I AM A BAPTIST

- I. I am a Baptist first because Baptists believe in the whole Bible and accept nothing but the Bible as their guide in matters of faith and practice. Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 6:46; II Tim. 3:15-17.
- II. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism. Eph. 4:5.
- III. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe that salvation is wholly of God (John 1:12,13), that we are saved by grace and not of works, (Eph. 2:8,9) and that the two conditions of salvation are Repentance and Faith. Luke 13:3; John 3:15,16.
- IV. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in a regenerated membership. John 3:3; Acts 2:41,47.
- V. I am a Baptist because the Baptist Church is the only church that has a Spiritual head and founder.. Christ is its only head and He has founded only one church. Matt. 16:18; Col. 1:18.
- VI. I am a Baptist because Christ the head of the Church, the only begotten Son of God, both accepted and requested baptism at the hand of John the Baptist preacher (Matt. 3:13-15, who was prepared in heaven (Luke 1:44) for this sublime task, and sent from God. (John 1:16).
- VII. I am a Baptist because Baptists promote the rights of the individual; First we may seek God of ourselves. Act 17:27; Everyone must repent for himself. Acts 17:30; Everyone must confess for himself. Rom. 10:9-10; Everyone must report to God for himself. Rom. 14:11-12.
- VIII. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in the democracy of the Church (every member equal). Matt. 20:24-28; Matt. 23:5-8.
- IX. I am a Baptist because Baptists Ministers (whether called pastors or bishops) are equal in rank and are never to exercise authority over one another, Mark 10:42-44, never to be called Master or Father (Pope), Matt. 23:8-12.
- X. I am a Baptist because Baptists accept as Church ordinances only those things ordered by Jesus Christ which symbolize the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, namely - Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Roman 6:3-5; I Cor. 11:23-26. That the quotation "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat..." is a statement addressed to a Church and has no reference to non-Christians and non-Church members. I Cor. 11:28.
- XI. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe that the salvation of God is eternal. John 3:14-18; 10:28-31; Rom. 8:1, 33-39; Hebrews 11:13,32,33.
- XII. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in the second coming of Christ. Acts 1:11. The immortality of the human soul. Gen. 2:7; I Cor. 15:53-55. The resurrection of the body. I Cor. 15:44. The final judgement of a just God. Matt. 25:41-46. And the never-ending punishment of sinners and the eternal bliss of the saints. Matt. 25:34-36.