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B --- The Bible is the only authority for faith and practice.

The Bible is Divine Revelation given of God to men

- The Bible is *Inspired* (God breathed)

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17, 2 PETER 1:15-21

- The Bible is *Inerrant* (free from error)
- The Bible is *Infallible* (incapable of error)

PSALM 19:7-14, PROVERBS 30:5

References:

ROMANS 10:17

HEBREWS 4:12

1 PETER 1:23

LUKE 4:4

LUKE 11:28

1 JOHN 2:14

2 TIMOTHY 2:15-17

PSALM 119

A --- The Autonomy or independence of the local church.

Webster defines autonomy as:

- (1) the quality or state of being self-governing;
(the right of self-government)
- (2) self-directing freedom;
(moral independence)

Baptists assert that each particular local Church is self-governing, and independent of all other churches, and of all persons and bodies of men whatever, as to the administration of its own affairs; that it is of right and should be, free from any other human authority, whether civil or ecclesiastical, and that this is the New Testament idea of church government.

Even though there is nothing wrong with cooperation between local churches, one church is not to exercise authority over another. Each local assembly is to stand before God as an independent entity and is responsible for its own actions. The local church is to call its own pastor, carry out its own discipline, administrate (for that local assembly) the statutes of the Word of God and endeavor to serve the Lord as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Quoted from “The New Directory for Baptist Churches” by Edward T. Hiscox (1859)

References:

EPHESIANS 5:21-27 Christ is the head of the church

ACTS 2:47 Called

REVELATION 2:1,8,12,18; 3:1,7 Local Assemblies

MATTHEW 18:15-17 Church Discipline

ACTS 6:1-7 Organized

ACTS 13:1-4 Propagated – sends out missionaries

PHILIPPIANS 4:15,16 Local Church supports missions

ACTS 15:1-4 Defended

P --- The Priesthood of every believer.

Key verses: 1 PETER 2:5-9

REVELATION 1:6

Chief Privilege ---Access to God

Sacrifice:

1. His own body

ROMANS 12:1

PHILIPPIANS 2:17

2 TIMOTHY 4:6

1 JOHN 3:16

2. Praise to God

HEBREWS 13:15

3. His substance

HEBREWS 13:16

ROMANS 12:13

GALATIANS 6:6

TITUS 3:14

He is an intercessor

1 TIMOTHY 2:1

COLOSSIANS 4:12

T---THE TWO CHURCH ORDINANCES

1. BAPTISM

A. WHAT BAPTISM INDICATES

-OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST MAT. 28:19-20

B. SCRIPTURAL ELEMENTS FOR BAPTISM

-A SCRIPTURAL ADMINISTRATOR SAVED
 -A SCRIPTURAL SUBJECT SAVED
 -A SCRIPTURAL MODE SUBMERGED
 -A SCRIPTURAL DESIGN SUBMISSION

2. LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION)

A. THE LORD'S SUPPER INITIATED

LUKE 22:19-20

B. THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

-BODY: HEB. 10:5-10; JOHN 1:14; GEN. 3:15
 -BLOOD: ACTS 20:28; EPH. 1:7; HEB. 9:14; 1PET. 1:9; REV. 1:5

C. WHAT THE LORD'S SUPPER INDICATES

-FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST 1COR. 10:16
 -SUBMISSIVENESS TO CHRIST 1COR. 11:24-25
 -REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST 1COR. 11:23-26
 -A WATCHING FOR CHRIST'S RETURN 1COR. 11:26
 -A PROPER PERSPECTIVE OF CHRIST'S DEATH

D. THE LORD'S SUPPER IS:

-A SACRED ORDINANCE
 -A CHURCH ORDINANCE
 -A SYMBOLIC ORDINANCE
 -A COMMEMORATIVE ORDINANCE
 -A PROPHETIC ORDINANCE

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER:

MAT. 3:16; ACTS 8:35-39; ROM. 6:1-6;
 1COR. 15:1-4; EPH. 4:5; COL. 2:12; 1PET. 3:21;
 MAT. 26:17-30; MARK 14:12-26; LK. 22:7-20; 1COR. 10:15-22

I---THE INDIVIDUAL SOUL LIBERTY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BELIEVER

1. OPPORTUNITY

- REV. 22:17
- 1TIM. 2:4
- JOHN 1:12
- PSA. 95:8

2. ACCESSIBILITY

- ROM. 5:1-2
- EPH. 2:18
- HEB. 4:14-16

3. LIBERTY

- ROM. 14:1-23

4. RESPONSIBILITY

- ACTS 17:11
- EPH. 6:18
- 1THES. 5:21-22
- 2PET. 1:20-21

5. ACCOUNTABILITY

- PSA. 50:4-6
- ECCL. 3:17
- ECCL. 12:14
- 1COR. 3:11-15
- 2COR. 5:10

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER:

ISA. 55:1; MT. 11:28; MK. 4; JN. 3::15-18, 4:10-14, 6:35, 7:37-38; REV. 21:6
 EPH. 3:12; HEB. 7:19, 10:19-20
 ROM. 8:1; 31-39, 14:; GAL. 5:1
 MAT. 25:14-29; LK.12:47-48; JN. 15:5; 1COR. 2:14; 2TIM. 1:12; 2PET. 3:18
 ISA. 33:22, 51:5; JER. 32:19; EZE. 18:30; MT. 18:23, 20:8, 25:31-46; LK. 12:2

s--THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

1. TAUGHT BY CHRIST

MAT. 22:21

CF...LUKE 20:25

2. DEMONSTRATED THROUGH ARBITRATION

1COR. 6:1-8

3. SUBMISSIVE TO GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

1TIM. 2:1-2

PRECIOUS PROMISE

PSA. 33:12

PSA. 144:15

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER:

DAN 3—HEBREW CHILDREN

DAN 6---DANIEL AND THE DECREE

ROM. 13:1-7...TITUS 3:1...1PET 2:13-17

(CF...ACTS 5:29...MAT. 10:28...ACTS 4:1-31...VSS. 8-10,17-20,31)

T---THE TWO CHURCH OFFICERS

1. PASTOR

---JER. 2:8, 3:15, 17:16; (CF...EPH. 4:11)

A. ELDER-----PRESBUTEROS (PRESBYTERY)

---ACTS 14:23; 20:17; 1TIM. 5:17-19; 1PET. 5:1-4

B. BISHOP-----EPISKOPE (EPISKOPOS)

---SUPERINTENDENT, OVERSEER

ACTS 20:28; PHIL. 1:1; 1TIM. 3:1 (CF...1PET. 2:25)

(ELDER=BISHOP CF...TITUS 1:1-9)

C. SHEPHERD---POIMEN

---LEADER, FEEDER, GUARDER, ETC...

MAT. 9:36; MK. 6:34; MK. 14:27; JN. 10:11-16

(GOOD-JN. 10:11; GREAT-HEB. 13:20; SOULS-1PET. 2:25)

(THE REFERENCES FOR PASTOR IN EPH., SHEPHERD, LISTED ABOVE, AND SHEPHERDS IN REGARD TO THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, ARE ALL THE SAME WORD)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE ARE FOUND IN:

1TIM. 3:1-7; TITUS 1:5-9

A PASTORS THREE PRIMARY HATS:

-AS AN ELDER/HE'S A RULER-AS A BISHOP/HE'S A REGULATOR

-AS A SHEPHERD...HE'S A REARER

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER

JER. 10:21, 12:17, 22:22; REV. 1:20

T---THE TWO CHURCH OFFICERS

**2. DEACON---DIAKONOS...DIAKONEO-----ATTENDANT,
WAITER, SERVANT, MINISTER.....OF FREE WILL**

**-CREATED-----ACTS 6:1-7
(HIGH MORAL AND SPIRITUAL STANDARDS)**

**-CONFIRMED----PHIL. 1:1; 1TIM. 3
{PHIL. 1:1 COULD CONSTITUTE THE ACTUAL BIBLICAL}
{MEMBERSHIP OF A LOCAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.}**

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS OFFICE ARE FOUND IN:
ACTS 6:3; 1TIM. 3:8-12**

**IT IS AN ORDAINED POSITION BY THE
“LAYING ON OF HANDS”**

EXAMPLES:

STEPHEN-----ACTS 6:8-10 (6:8-15, 7)

PHILLIP-----ACTS 8:5-13 (8:26-40)

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER:

MAT. 4:11, 20:28; HEB. 6:10

**DOULOS-----SEEN IN REGARD TO THE MASTER?
DIAKONOS---SEEN IN REGARD TO THE WORK?**

S---A SAVED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

1. CHURCH

**-EKKLESIA: A CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY, CHURCH,
CONGREGATION**

2. EXAMPLE

- ACTS 2:41**
- ROM. 1:1,5-7**
- 1COR. 1:1-2**
- GAL. 1:1-5**
- EPH. 1:1-12**
- PHIL. 1:1**
- COL. 1:1-6**
- 1 THES. 1:1-10**
- 2 THES. 1:1-4**
- 1 TIM. 3:14-15**
- TITUS 1:1-5**
- PHL. 1-5**
- HEB. 3:1 (?)**
- 1 PET. 1:1-5**
- 2 PET. 1:1-2**

*******SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER*******

**AMOS 3:3; 2COR. 6:14-18;
1COR. 12:1-31; ROM. 12:3-8
ACTS 2:37-47**

