

BAPTIST BAPTISM VS. BIBLE BAPTISM

by Grover Stevens, “Dead Yet Speaketh”

After reading my tract on WHY I LEFT THE BAPTIST CHURCH a man recently asked me “when and where I ever heard of any candidate being baptized into the Baptist Church, rather than into the name of the Father...Son...and Holy Ghost?” The answer is on page 12 of J.M. Pendleton’s “Church Manual for Baptist Churches” (Published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., and can be purchased at any Baptist Book Store), where we read as follows:

“Regeneration, repentance, and faith are private matters between God and the Soul. They involve internal piety, but of this piety there must be an external manifestation. *This manifestation is made in baptism.* The penitent, regenerate believer is baptized into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. There is a *visible, symbolic expression* of a new relationship to the three persons of the Godhead, *a relationship entered into in repentance, faith and regeneration.*” (Emphasis mine, G.S.). This simply says that the relationship of being into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is “entered into in repentance, faith and regeneration,” which comes BEFORE baptism, and that

baptism is only a “visible symbolic expression” of this new relationship. Hence we are forced to conclude that according to Baptist Doctrine BAPTISTS BAPTIZE A PERSON WHOM THEY BELIEVE IS ALREADY “INTO THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.” But, the Bible teaches that we are *baptized into* this relationship, hence we reach the relationship *when* we are baptized, and not *before*, as Baptists teach.

I realize that when Baptists baptize a person they *say*, “I baptize you into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,” but in the light of the above, they do *not* do what they *say* they do, nor do they believe that they do what they say they are doing, for they believe that the person being baptized is *already* “into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.”

My Baptist friend, if you do not believe that, then you should renounce Baptist Doctrine and leave the Baptist Church for *they do believe it*, and you are standing for it and lending your support to it as long as you are a member of the

Baptist Church. Be honest with your own soul. There is a judgment day coming.

1) **BAPTIST BAPTISM PUTS ONE INTO THE BAPTIST CHURCH.** This is evident from a few quotations from the Church Manual. On page 12 we read, “The ceremonial qualification for church membership. This qualification is baptism.” Again, on page 14, “This shows baptism to be a prerequisite to church-membership.” Again on pages 17 and 18 under the caption “HOW MEMBERS ARE RECEIVED” we read, “In accordance with the first way (experience and baptism), persons wishing to unite with a church give an account of the dealings of God with their souls, and state the ‘reason of the hope that is in them;’ where upon, if in the judgement of the church they ‘have passed from death unto life,’ they are by vote of the church recognized as candidates for baptism, with the understanding that when baptized they will be entitled to all rights and privileges of membership.” This is further evidenced by the fact that simply being baptized does not qualify one to become a member of the Baptist Church, but *only those who receive Baptist baptism*—baptism by

the hands of an ordained Baptist preacher and by the authority of a Baptist Church (Pages 64 and 65 of the Church Manual).

2) **BIBLE BAPTISM PUTS ONE INTO CHRIST.** The apostle Paul wrote the Galatians, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal. 3:26-27). The same apostle wrote the Romans, “Know ye not, that so many of us as were *baptized into Jesus Christ* were baptized into his death. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of

the Father even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:3-4). Baptists claim that a person is IN Christ BEFORE and WITHOUT baptism. Hence, Baptists do NOT baptize a person into Christ as the BIBLE teaches, therefore, *they do not administer BIBLE baptism.*

3) **BIBLE BAPTISM IS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST.** Actually, Baptists do not baptize “in the name of Christ.” “In the name of” means “by one’s command and authority.” On page 65 of the Baptist Church Manual “a proper administrator” is defined as “a person who has received from a

Church authority to baptize.” In other words the Baptist preacher gets his authority to baptize from a (Baptist) Church, hence “by the authority of” the Baptist Church, or “in the name of the Baptist Church.” Bible baptism is by the command and authority of Christ, or “in the name of Christ” (Acts 2:38; 10:48; 19:5).

My Baptist friend, if you would follow Jesus, you should do as the twelve men in Ephesus, who upon learning that their baptism was, among other things not in the name of Christ, “were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:1-5).

IS THE BAPTIST CHURCH THE ONE BODY?

by John Isaac Edwards

The Scriptures affirm there is “*one body*”, “*one Spirit*”, and “*one baptism*” (Eph. 4:4-5).

The Bible also declares, “*For by one Spirit are we all*

baptized into one body...” (1 Cor. 12:13).

Thus, if one receives Baptist baptism as the *one baptism*, he must also accept the Baptist Church as the *one body*!

Is the Baptist Church the one body? The one body is the one church of which Christ is Head and Saviour (Eph. 1:22-23; 5:23). Is Christ Head

and Saviour of the Baptist Church?

If the Baptist Church is not the one body of Ephesians 4:4, then Baptist baptism is not the one baptism of Ephesians 4:5.

If you have received Baptist baptism into the Baptist Church, we would plead with you to do as the Bible teaches: *by one Spirit be baptized into one body.*

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