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*"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## Is the Baptist Church the Church We Read About in the Bible?

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We read of one church in the Bible. Jesus said, "I will build my church..." (Mt. 16:18). The apostle wrote, "There is one body..." (Eph. 4:4), "...which is the church" (Col. 1:24).

Is the Baptist Church the church we read about in the Bible? If it is, all of us ought to be members of it for no other church can be since there is just one church spoken of in the Bible. If it is not, then we ought to reject it as a false religious organization.

**1) The Baptist Church Is Nowhere Mentioned in the Bible.** We do not read of "Baptists," "a Baptist," "Baptist Church," or "Baptist Churches" anywhere in the Bible. John was referred to as "John the Baptist" (Mk. 6:24) because he baptized people. He wasn't a member of a Baptist Church, nor did he ever make anybody a Baptist.

**2) The Baptist Church Began At the**

**Wrong Place.** The Baptist church began in Amsterdam. The church we read about in the Bible began in Jerusalem (Is. 2:2-3; Acts 2).

**3) The Baptist Church Began At the Wrong Time.** The Baptist church began in 1611. The church we read about in the Bible began on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This was about AD 33 (Acts 2).

**4) The Baptist Church Has the Wrong Founder.** The Baptist church was founded by a man named John Smyth. The church we read about in the Bible was built and founded by Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mt. 16:18).

**5) The Baptist Church Has the Wrong Worship.** Baptists use mechanical instruments of music in their worship. The church we read about in the Bible did not (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Baptists do not

observe the Lord's supper every Sunday. The church we read about in the Bible did (Acts 20:7). Baptists raise money by means we do not read about in the Bible (such as tithing, begging business men, carnivals, suppers). The church we read about in the Bible raised money through the collection on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

**6) The Baptist Church Has the Wrong Organization.** The Baptist Church has a minister they call "Pastor" and deacons, but no elders. Many Baptist preachers are called "Reverend." The church we read about in the Bible is organized with bishops (elders or pastors), deacons and saints (Phil. 1:1). The word "reverend" is used one time in the Bible and refers to God (Ps. 111:9).

**7) The Baptist Church Has the Wrong Teaching.** The teaching of the Baptist Church and the Bible do not agree. The

Baptist Church teaches that one is saved before he is baptized. The Bible says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). The Baptist Church teaches that

a child of God cannot fall from grace and be eternally lost. The Bible says, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

Other things could be mentioned, but these seven are enough to show that the Baptist Church is not the church we read about in the Bible, and is therefore a false religious organization.

## Final Things in the Final Book

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Revelation, the final book of the Bible, records some final things.

**1) Final Admonition about Worship.** As John fell down to worship before the feet of an angel, he was told, "See thou do it not...worship God" (Rev. 22:8-9).

**2) Final Exhortation to Obedience.** The final beatitude of the final book reads, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the

city" (Rev. 22:14).

**3) Final Invitation.** John records the final invitation in these words, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17).

**4) Final Warning about Tampering with the Word of God.** John warned, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any

man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19).

**5) Final Promise of the Lord's Coming.** "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly" (Rev. 22:20). May we be ready!

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