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## SECURITY

Most Baptist Denominations believe once one is saved that person can never sin as to be lost. Sin, yes; but die in sin, no. They will tell you if one dies lost he was never saved. Notice the following verses: Gal. 5:4; Heb. 12:15; 6:4-6; John 15:1-6; I Cor. 10:5-12; I Tim. 1:19,20; II Tim. 4:10; Heb. 2:1-3; 3:1,8-19. Yes we can sin in such a way as to be lost! Heed what Mark 13:13; Rev. 210; II Pet. 1:5-11 say. Don't be like the apostle Judas Iscariot or like Ananias and Sapphira who were children of God.

## KINGDOM

Baptist doctrine teaches the kingdom was not established on Pentecost, but the church instead. They teach the kingdom will be set up at a later date. This is premillennialism. The Bible says the Kingdom was to be established in the days of the divided Roman kingdom (Daniel 2) and that happened in A.D. 33 (Acts 2). If not, the prophets were false, and the Bible is uninspired. The church or kingdom (Mat. 16:18,19,27) would come shortly (Mark 9:1; Mat. 16:27; Lk. 24:46-48; Acts 1:3-8; 2:1ff). Some were in the kingdom in Colossae (Col. 1:13-14). The Bible teaches the kingdom will end rather than begin when Jesus comes again (I Cor. 15:24-26; Acts 2:34-36; Rev. 17:14).

## MUSIC

Mechanical instruments of music are used in worship in Baptist Churches. This is not

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in harmony with the will of God. Notice these passages from the New Testament: Mat. 26:30; Acts 15:29; Rom 15:9; I Cor. 14:15; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 2:12; James 5:13. None of these passages teach playing with singing. We must speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent (I Peter 4:11). We are not under the Old Testament today (Col. 2:14; II Cor. 3; Heb. 8; Col. 3:17. I have had one argue that Mechanical Instruments are mention in Psalms as a way seeking justification for there use in worship. Even though the book of Psalms may be in the back of some New Testament it is still a part of the Old Testament written, for the most part by King David.

## CONCLUSION

Being good is not enough (Acts 10:1,2,22; 11:14). What our parents or grandparents were is not justification (Mat. 10:36-39). We must be right at all cost (II John 9-11). We must walk in the truth (III John 4).

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"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Matthew 7:21

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## 7 Errors of Baptist Doctrine



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# Seven Errors of BAPTIST DOCTRINE

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One of the fastest growing religious groups in the country is the Baptist Church. Having married into a family that are mostly members of this group has caused more than just a passing interest in their teachings. On the preface of this article let me say it is difficult to pin each point of doctrine on all groups of those of the Baptist religion. In Frank S. Mead's book entitled *"Handbook of Denominations in the United States Ninth Edition 1990* there are 29 different groups listed with a membership in 1983 reported to be over 29 million. The largest group is the Southern Baptist Convention with a membership reported in 1990 of nearly 15 million.

Listed in this article are seven errors that most Baptist groups adhere to.

## NAME

The name worn by those under discussion is Baptist. The name was given to them by scoffers because they stressed baptism. There are some that use John the Baptist as justification. John the Baptist was never a member of the church of the New Testament. The church was established after his death (Mat. 14:1ff; 16:16-18; Acts 2:1ff). We should call ourselves after Christ (Romans 16:16).

## PLAN OF SALVATION

The Baptist teaching on salvation is that we are saved by *"faith only"*. Then they say we are save by grace, mercy, repentance. I fail to see how it is faith only if these other things are involved. It is in error to say we are saved by faith only when it is in direct contradiction to what James teaches in James 2:14-26. Also look at Hebrews 11 and note verse 6. The error is failing to understand that the Bible speaks of three types of works: Works of the Law, Works of Man, and Works of God's righteousness. Notice these passages John 6:29; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9,10 - Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism. Neither work can be omitted, for these are works of God's righteousness (Ephesians 2:10).

## VOTING

Baptist believe in voting people into the church. There is no command, example or necessary inference for doing so in the New Testament. Most Baptist preachers I have talked with about this appeal to Acts 2:47 in trying to justify voting. The KJV version says *"Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily*

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*such as should be saved."* The problem is the latter part *"such as should be saved."* They feel the Lord has given them authority to vote on those who are saved and who are not. This verse is not teaching that! When you go to the Greek text or a newer translation you can readily see what is being taught. The NKJV version says *"those being saved."* The Lord adds one to the church when he obeys His will from the heart (Heb. 5:8,9; Romans 6:17,18). We are baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:27) into the church (I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 1:22,23). Let us be satisfied to let the Lord do the adding.

## LORD'S SUPPER

Closed communion, that is, allowing only Baptists to partake in Lord's supper, and observance of the supper "when they desire" are two other errors of this group. It's true that the Lord's supper is for His people, the saved (Mat. 26:29; I Cor. 1:2; 11:17-34). However, we no more have the right to forbid partaking than we do to forbid the sinner to sing, pray and or give. We should teach people who is to do these things, and leave it there. The Lord's supper is to be observed weekly (Acts 20:7). This verse gives a definition to the *"as often"* of I Corinthians 11:26. How often does the first day of the week come? We have no problem if we go to work and the company tells us we will get paid on Friday. We know every week has a Friday and can expect our pay on that day. Just as Acts 20:7 tells us the Lord's Supper is to be observed weekly.

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