

# The Biblical Distinctives of Baptists

## Biblical Authority

The Bible is the literal Word of God and in all matters of faith and practice the Bible is our final authority.

## Autonomy of the Local Church

Each Baptist church is self-governing and accountable only to the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Priesthood of all Believers

Because of Christ's substitutionary death, every believer is a priest of God and may enter His presence directly through Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

## Two Ordinances

God has ordained two symbolic ceremonies to be practiced in His church; baptism by immersion in water and the Lord's Supper. Neither of these activities earns us merit in God's eyes, but rather pictures Christ's redeeming work for us.

## Individual Soul Liberty

Every individual has the liberty and responsibility to believe as his own conscience dictates.

## Saved Membership

Baptists believe in reserving local church membership to those who give testimony of their personal faith in Jesus Christ and have publicly identified themselves with Him in believer's baptism.

## Two Offices

The Bible authorizes only two offices within the local church; pastor and deacon.

## Separation of Church and State

God established both the church and civil government and gave each it's own distinct sphere of operation. Neither one should control the other.



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9:15-9:45 Coffee Fellowship  
**10:00 Worship Service**

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