

Twelve Reasons I'm a Baptist

1. I am a Baptist first because Baptists believe the whole Bible and accept nothing but the Bible as their guide in matters of faith and practice.

(Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 6:46; 2 Timothy 3:15-17)

2. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism.

(Ephesians 4:5)

3. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe that salvation is wholly of God (John 1:12-13), that we are saved by grace and not of works, *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*, and that the two conditions of salvation are Repentance and Faith. *(Luke 13:3; John 3:15-16)*

4. I am a Baptist because Baptist believes in a regenerated membership.

(John 3:3; Acts 2:41, 47)

5. I am a Baptist because The Baptist Church has a Spiritual head and founder – Christ is its only head and He has founded only one church.

(Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18)

6. I am a Baptist because Christ the head of the Church, the only begotten Son of God, both accepted and requested baptism at the hand of John the Baptist preacher *(Matthew 3:13-15)* who was prepared in heaven *(Luke 1:44)* for this sublime task, and sent from God. *(John 1:6)*

7. I am a Baptist because Baptist promote the rights of the individual;

a. We may seek god for ourselves. *(Acts 17:27)*;

b. Everyone must repent for himself. *(Acts 17:30)*;

c. Everyone must confess for himself. *(Romans 10:9-10)*;

d. Everyone must report to God for himself. *(Romans 14:11-12)*

8. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in the democracy of the church

(every member equal).

(Matthew 20:24-28; Matthew 23:5-8)

9. I am a Baptist because Baptist Ministers *(whether called Pastors or Bishops)*

are equal in rank and are never to exercise authority over one another *(Mark 10:42-44)*,

never to be called Master or Father *(Pope)* *(Matthew 23:8-12)*

10. I am a Baptist because Baptist accepts as church ordinances only those things ordered by Jesus Christ which symbolizes the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, namely – Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

(Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

That the quotation *"Let a man examine himself and so let him eat..."* is a statement addressed to a Church and has no reference to non-Christians and non-church members.

(1 Corinthians 11:28)

11. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe that the salvation of God is eternal.
(*John 3:14-18; 10:28-31; Romans 8:1, 33-39; Hebrews 11:13, 32-33*)

12. I am a Baptist because Baptists believe in the Second Coming of Christ. (*Acts 1:11*)
The immortality of the human soul. (*Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:53-55*)
The resurrection of the body. (*1 Corinthians 15:44*)
The final judgment of a just God. (*Matthew 25:41-46*)
And the never-ending punishment of sinners and the eternal bliss of the saints. (*Matthew 25:34-46*)