

Hunger For Truth

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Greetings

Welcome to another issue of Hunger For Truth. To start I want to wish each and ever reader a very:

Merry Christmas



As I type this, the weather here in MA is still warm for early December although colder weather is coming next week with highs in the 40s, which is normal for this time of year.

This issue will touch on what the NT says about Baptism as well as quotes on the issue of church succession.

The Lord has opened the door for several witnessing opportunities recently. Sadly, most of these people have hardened hearts to the Gospel message and the Bible. Please pray for these dear souls.

Please note that back issues of Hunger For Truth are viewable and printable at www.studytoanswer.net.

It is my desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

Proverbs 7:2

Matt. 5:6

John 8:32

II Timothy 3:16-17

Heb. 4:2

“Let us Hunger For Truth”



Church Succession, Perpetuity, or Continuity

Source: www.baptistpillar.com

The following are quotes from Baptists regarding church succession. there is much confusion regarding this difficult subject and Lord willing, these quotes will shed new light on this subject.

"Just as God created the first swarm of bees, and from that first swarm has come all the bees in the world, so the Lord has created the first church, and all true churches have come out of her, or from churches that have been organized out of the one at Jerusalem." (L. D. Foreman)

"Succession among Baptists is not a linked chain of churches or ministers, uninterrupted and traceable at this distant day ... The true and defensible doctrine is that baptized believers have existed in every age since John baptized in Jordan, and have met as a baptized congregation in covenant and fellowship where an opportunity permitted." (S. H. Ford)

"All that Baptists mean by 'church succession' is: there has never been a day since the organization of the first New Testament church in which there was no genuine church of the New Testament existing on earth." (W. A. Jarrel)

"Baptists do not claim perpetuity upon the basis of a successive and unbroken chain of baptisms. I do not believe that it is necessary to have a linked succession of baptisms in order to have valid baptism. If such were the case, any of us would be hard pressed to establish that link, unbroken, back to apostolic times." (Roy Mason)

"If every church of Christ were today to become apostate, it would be possible and right for any true believers to organize tomorrow another church on the apostolic model of faith and practice; and that church would have the only apostolic succession worth having a succession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and obedience to Him." (H. C. Vedder)

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What the NT Says about Baptism

By: Dr. Thomas Strouse

Introduction

- A. Baptism is the doorway into the church.
- B. In order to keep the unity of the faith (Eph. 4:13), we must keep the unity of the ordinances (I Cor. 12:13).

I. The Origin of NT Baptism

- A. Mt. 3:1-6
- B. Mt. 3:13-17

II. The Nature of NT Baptism

- A. A. Rom. 6:3-5
- B. B. Col. 2:12

III. The Requisite for NT Baptism

- A. A. Acts 8:37
- B. B. Acts 16:31, 33

IV. The Identification with NT Baptism

- A. Gal. 3:27
- B. I Pet. 3:20-21

V. The Authority for NT Baptism

- A. Lk. 7:29-30
- B. Mt. 28:19-20

VI. The Purpose of NT Baptism

- A. Acts 2:41, 47
- B. I Cor. 12:18, 27

VII. Some "Problem" Passages

- A. Acts 2:38
- B. Acts 22:16
- C. Eph. 4:5

☺☺ Children For
Christ ☺☺

Memory Verse: II Cor. 9:15 --Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

MATCH THE NAME TO THE BOOK

(Note: Only one of two or more books for some names will be listed. You may use same letter choice more than once. Be careful you choose the right book for the name. All letters must be used.)

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| | B. Ruth |
| __Isaac | C. Genesis |
| | D. Job |
| __Jacob | E. Daniel |
| | F. John |
| __Noah | G. I Kings |
| | H. Ruth |
| __Boaz | I. Isaiah |
| | J. 2 Kings |
| __Asa | K. Nehemiah |
| | L. Acts |
| __Isaiah | M. Mark |
| | N. II Timothy |
| __Elijah | O. I Samuel |
| __Ezra | |
| __Lydia | |
| __Gideon | |
| __Abel | |
| __Ruth | |
| __Peter | |
| __Paul | |
| __Goliath | |
| __Job | |
| __Daniel | __John |
- Did you use letters A thru O? _____

**Church Succession,
Perpetuity, or Continuity**
(Continued)

"The New Testament churches were independent, self-governing, democratic bodies like the Baptist churches of today. We originated, not at the Reformation, nor in the Dark Ages, nor in any century after the Apostles, but our marching orders are the Great Commission, and the first Baptist church was the church at Jerusalem. Our principles are as old as Christianity, and we acknowledge no founder but Christ." (George McDaniel)

"From the time the Lord Jesus Christ established his New Testament church during His earthly ministry, until the present time, there have always existed believers and churches apart from both Romanism and Protestantism that have held to the essentials of New Testament truth ... It is one thing to prove historically that New Testament churches have existed in every age since the apostles; it is altogether different to seek to prove a linked succession of such churches' This is what distinguishes historic Baptists from those who are ardent 'Landmarkers.'" (W. R. Downing)

"We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the Reformation, we were reformers before Luther or Calvin were born: we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the apostles themselves. (C. H. Spurgeon)

"When we speak of Baptist succession, we mean that since the time of Christ's earthly ministry there have appeared in every generation churches like the one He founded while He was here on earth ... and that such churches will continue to exist until the Rapture." (David Gonnella)

"The footsteps of the Baptists of the ages can more easily be traced by blood than by baptism. It is a lineage of suffering rather than a succession of bishops: a martyrdom of principles rather than a dogmatic decree of councils: a golden chord of love, rather than an iron chain of succession, which, while attempting to rattle its links back to the apostles, has been of more service in chaining some protesting Baptist to the stake than in proclaiming the truth of the New Testament." (J. T. Christian)

"The authenticity of a Baptist church depends, not on its ability to trace an unbroken line of connection to the apostles, but rather in its ability to demonstrate that it presently possesses the doctrines, principles, and practices which the apostles had and which are evident on the pages of the New Testament. If a church were forced to demonstrate its 'kosher' pedigree in order to be recognized, this would require that organized assembly to rely upon the word of man rather than the Word of God, since the inspired genealogical tables came to the object of their existence with the birth of Christ and were not continued beyond that." (Kenneth Good)

"I mean by the term Baptist church perpetuity that the church as an institution has existed in every age since the personal ministry of Christ. There has never been a day since the organization of the Jerusalem church in which there was no genuine church of the New Testament order existing on earth." (Milburn Cockrell)

"Churches like the first church have continued to exist from that day to the present time. Christ promised that they would not cease to exist. Those today who claim that they and the churches of the Reformation have restored New Testament Christianity overlook the fact that the church Jesus built would not have to be restored." (M. L. Moser Sr.)

"History will not support the theory of a linked-chain type of church succession ... it will support the view of the continued existence of the church." (Bob Ross)



Quotes

“When we realize that we are nothing and He is everything, God can begin to work!”

“Without faith we will receive absolutely nothing.”

“I must not worry, but rather take all my needs before God’s throne!”

“Great confidence is found in the heart of the believer whose sins are cleansed and that knows that his prayers are being heard!”

“Praise the Lord that we can rest in the eternal faithfulness of our unchangeable God!”

“When we have such a heavenly change of clothes and stand dressed up in His perfect righteousness, our soul is humbled, our heart grateful, our spirit thrilled and we never want to wear the filthy fashions (rags) of the flesh again!”

“Our own weakness makes us shrink, but God’s presence and promise makes us brave.”

“Are you and I the faithful man and woman who take the prayer requests of others before the throne of God? Others have confidence that we are!”

“Is Jesus the reason for the season?”



Song of the Month

All Else Can Fail Me But Jesus

This hymn is by Rhoda Buker, Donald Scovill and arranged by Heidi Fox. It has a very powerful and blessed message. It opens a believer’s eyes to see that Jesus NEVER fails! Mankind can, does and will fail and forsake us. They will be unfair to us. But Jesus is always fair for He can not and will not ever fail you and I!

All else can fail me but Jesus; He is a Friend so true, so true. All of the words He has promised He’s never yet failed to do, to do.

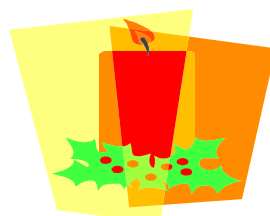
CHORUS: All else can fail me but Jesus. All else is scarred so with sin. All else can change; all can fail me; but Jesus gives peace within, within.

All else can fail me but Jesus; even my dearest friend, my friends. But my dear Lord has so promised He’ll carry me through to the end, the end. (CHORUS)

*All else can fail me but Jesus; fame and success and wealth. All that this whole world can offer for life and for love and for self. (CHORUS)...*But Jesus never fails, Jesus never fails; Heav’n and earth may pass away, But Jesus never fails.*

All else can fail me but Jesus; Who can I trust but Him? He is my sole hope for heaven; He is my full peace with-in. (CHORUS)

***From Jesus Never Fails - Arthur A. Luther**



Stop and Think

“People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do.”

Lewis Cass, 1782 – 1866

Editor’s Note: What does this say of the importance of a godly testimony? A lot!

Prayer Requests

- Salvation of Tom, Nick, Gary and Susan
- Salvation of my sister Wendy, Nephew Jacob and Aunts Sybil and Bernice
- Unspoken request for HFT editor and several others
- The one wife that God has for the H.F.T. editor

Praises

- Praise God for the Unspeakable Gift.
- Praise God for His blessings and provision for all of us.
- Praise God for family, friends and fellowship.

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*Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*His Servant,  
Craig Glickman  
Prov. 3:5-6*