Denominational Doctrines – Part 7
Baptist Doctrines

Introduction:
A. Baptists evolved from in 1600's from objections to infant baptism and sprinkling.
B. Baptists teach many of common doctrines already noticed in this series.
C. We will notice three doctrines that are readily identified as “Baptist Doctrine.”

Discussion:

I. The Church Was Established in the Days of John the Baptist.
A. Some even claim that John was the founder of the church.
B. The church could not have been established in the days of John.
   1. John’s death (Matt. 14:10-12)
   2. Jesus’s promise to build (Matt. 16:18).
   3. John was never in the kingdom/church (Matt. 11:11)
C. Ben Bogard, famous Baptist debater, claimed John’s baptizing Jesus made Jesus a baptist.

II. Baptism Is “Because of” Rather than “unto” the Remission of Sins (cf. Acts 2:38)
A. A common illustration: “The man was hung for murder”.
   1. Illustrations only illustrate, not proof.
   2. Another illustration: The football player went for a touchdown”
   3. A biblical example (Matt. 26:28).
B. The difference between “eis” and “gar”
C. Baptist confess at baptism that they believe that “God for Christ’s sake has pardoned your sins.”

III. Believers Are Saved from Sins “Past, Present and Future.”
A. “Past” means all sins forgiven at the point of faith.
   1. Believers not saved at point of faith (John 12:42).
   2. Bible teaches at the point of baptism (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16)
B. “Present” means forgiven automatically even as we sin.
   1. The windshield wiper illustration.
   2. Present forgiveness depends striving to not sin and confessing when we do (1 John 1:9; 2:1-2; Heb. 10:26-29)
C. “Future” means “once saved, always saved.”
   1. 1 Cor. 10:1-12
   2. Heb. 3:8-4:11; 10:26-29
   3. Gal. 5:4

Conclusion:
A. Why not be baptized for the remission of your sins tonight?
B. Then in Christ you will find help as you struggle against sin (cf. 1 Cor. 10:13).