

“The Baptist Name”

Part 2 of 3

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The following passage is taken from the “History of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands”, by Doctors Ypeig and Dermont, Ministers of the highest standing in that church: “We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formerly called Anabaptists, and in later times Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and have long, in the history of the church received the honor of that origin. On this account the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the Apostles; and as a Christian society which has preserved pure doctrines of the gospel through all ages”.

One identifying mark of Baptists by whatever name they have been called in the past two millenniums has been their undeviating insistence upon a biblically prescribed morality. Owing to their strict adherence to heaven’s code of conduct, they were often called the “Cathari”, a word meaning, pure. There is in our present time ecclesiastical offsprings of the Cathari, going by the name “Baptist”, who fully realize the perpetuity of their respective churches is contingent on their practice of abstention from moral evil and doctrinal deviation from the biblical standard. (I Thessalonians 5:2).

The name “Baptist” was at one time a disparaging epithet in the reckoning of Catholicism and Protestantism. However, in the last fifty years much of their rancor toward the Baptist name has diminished, for the simple reason the name in the generic sense has become hardly more than an expletive. By far and large, churches wearing the “Baptist” name, beguiled by the spirit of ecumenism have denounced the claim of Baptist perpetuity from New Testament times, and have historically identified with Protestantism, which is the first and irreversible step toward spiritual Babylonianism.

The apostasy mentioned in the above paragraph should not in any way discourage Baptist churches who have been blessed with the glorious truth of their New Testament origin and have been given the hell defying promise of age long perpetuity. Let us disdain every false way, even if it wears a “Baptist” name; for we know the people divinely honored with that name are easily distinguished from their God debasing counterfeits.

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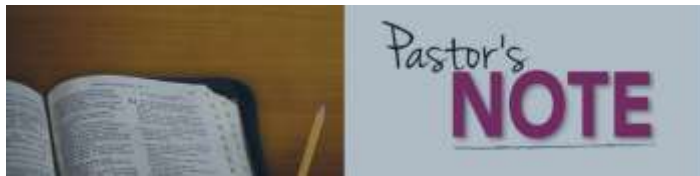
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“We pray for, “the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” .”

By Pastor Randy Johnson

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;” Colossians 1:9 - 10

The church at Colossi was not without issues, they had to battle a religion called “Gnosticism.” This religion was to them as Arminianism is to the churches of today, belief in error. There are a lot of association’s called churches and called Christian that are not. These people are like the Jews in bible times, Paul wrote, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.**” Romans 10:1 To be a Christian you must “believe in and on Jesus Christ as your Saviour” all your faith must be in Jesus Christ and none in self. People who believe that Jesus as only a partial Saviour are not “trusting Jesus Christ as their Saviour”, therefore they cannot be true Christians.

Christians do not believe in works as part of their salvation. We must understand that “zeal” is like works, neither can save a lost soul. In the New Testament days some people were thought of as “Christian Gnostic’s” however, there were no such thing as Christian Gnosticism, just as today there are no such thing as Arminian Christians. Real Christians are believers in Jesus Christ whom they trust as their Saviour without works of the flesh because Jesus did all the works for us. It can all be confusing, because unless you are a true Christian you cannot understand “Spiritual things”, therefore, you cannot understand the difference. There are a lot of unlearned Christians that do not understand the difference because they fail to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God...” 2 Tim. 2:15 Christians have total dependence on God, God to save them, teach them knowledge in His wisdom therefore giving us “spiritual understanding;”. It is only after a true believer is filled with “the knowledge of his will” That is knowing what God wants us to do to walk in His knowledge, it is called “walking in the light” 1 John 1:7. Paul also writes,

“We pray for, “the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;” Continued:

“in all wisdom” Wisdom is knowing what to do with the “the knowledge of his will” If you do not have wisdom then the knowledge you have is worthless. Wisdom is knowing how to react or to use the knowledge. God said of wisdom, “To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;” Proverbs 1:2 You only know wisdom when you “perceive the words of understanding;” meaning you are able (to separate mentally, and spiritually) what God is saying and acting on what God is saying. If we can do that, then we can have “spiritual understanding;” that is putting the things of God in a “non-carnal” way of thinking and walking spiritually in life. The battle between Arminianism and Christianity will never end until we are with the Lord. But never think they are the same because there is so much difference between us and them. Arminianism is limited to carnal understanding meaning they are “spiritually discerned”. Meaning they have no knowledge of God’s word, no spiritual wisdom, and certainly no spiritual understanding. The question to true believers is how is your “knowledge of his will” are you learning “in all wisdom” and do you have “spiritual understanding;” and if so, are you truly walking in God’s word?



- Our 19th Annual Bible Conference is approaching quickly. Friday September 15th we will start at 6:00 and end about 7:45 there will be a meal and fellowship after. Saturday September 16th we will start at 9:00 and end around 4:00 with a mean and fellowship around noon.

