

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Was John a Baptist?

People who wear the name “Baptist” claim that John was a Baptist and all whom John baptized became Baptists. John baptized Christ and that made Christ a Baptist. Now does the Bible teach that John was “a Baptist”? The expression “a Baptist” is not found in the entire Bible. John was called “the Baptist”. In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea” (Matthew 3:1).

Baptist is a title, and denotes or shows what John did. He introduced baptism and baptized people (Jews only). If all John baptized became Baptists because he was called the Baptist, then according to the same reasoning and logic all that Paul baptized became Apostles because he was called Paul the Apostle. All whom Luke baptized became physicians for he was called Luke the physician, and all whom Philip baptized became evangelists for he was called Philip the Evangelist. To illustrate: the blacksmith whose name is John would be called John the Blacksmith. So according to the position mentioned, every horse shod by him would be a Blacksmith. If not, why not?

The following Scriptural reasons will show why John could not have been a Baptist.

- Baptists teach that one cannot fall from grace. John taught that people could fall and be lost (Matthew 3:8-12).
- Baptists teach that baptism is not for remission of sin, but rather because of remission of sins. John taught baptism was for remission of sins. “John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.” (Mark 1:4).
- John baptized Jews who confessed their sins, “Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their (Matthew 3:5-6). Baptist preachers have people to confess their feelings, the church votes and if the vote is unanimous the candidate is then baptized.
- John did not baptize anyone except Jews (Matthew 3:7). Baptist preachers will baptize every Gentile that will confess their feelings tell their experience of grace, if the church votes for them to be received.
- Jesus said John was not in the kingdom, or church, and that the least in the kingdom was greater than he (Matthew 11:10-11). But Baptists say they are in the church or kingdom.
- John taught that his work would decrease, but Christ’s would increase (John 3:30). His work done by the authority of Christ under the great commission did increase (Matthew 28:19-20) And will continue to increase as the Gospel is preached, believed, and obeyed until time shall be no more. On the day of Pentecost this great work of Christ began under His chosen Apostles. “...they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41) and they continued to increase. “The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:47). It continued to increase—5000 were added unto them (Acts 4:4).

Now by what name were those called who were added to the church because of their obedience unto the Gospel of Christ? “The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). Peter says that God can be glorified in this name (I Peter 4:16). Since we can glorify God in the name Christian, could we glorify Him in any other name such as Baptist, Methodist, etc.? All will have to

agree that it is infallibly safe to wear the name Christian because it is a worthy name; it honors Christ; it shows our relationship unto Him; and it is a name that was given by the mouth of the Lord (Romans 7:4; James 2:67; I Peter 4:16; Isaiah 62:1-2). Why not be safe and sure by just becoming a Christian, and wearing the name Christian? This can be accomplished by obeying the Gospel of Christ.

—Orbie Robbins

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Sylvia Campos in the loss of her uncle, **Jose' Munoz**. Jose' passed away Sunday, September 13th. His services were conducted at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Thursday, September 17th. Jose' was 89 years old.

Prayer Requests

Mary Anchondo's sister, **Cruz Coe**, was taken to Medical Center Hospital last Sunday, September 20th due to complications from mouth surgery she had done earlier. Cruz was admitted to ICU but has since been moved to Room #638. Please keep her in your daily prayers.

Cathy Mooney has requested prayers for one of her students who is facing a difficult surgery. The student's name is **Andrue LaFlure**. Keep Andrue in your daily prayers.

Prayer List

Lee Roy Bell; Susan Bosse; Mack Bradford; Charles Browning; Neva Carrigan; Steve Chavez; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; Jewell Bettes-Dennard; Brian Drake; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Hattie Gilmore; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Linda Horton; Lon & Lana Howard; Bobby Hunt; Bryan Jernigan; Susan Lee; Tracy Leeth; Connie Lowe; Jill McAfee; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jack McCarty; Flossie Montgomery; Patsy Montgomery; Juan & Estella Morolez; Avery Ojado; Jonathan Pegan; Judy Phillips; Trina Plyler; Evan Rector; Elvia Ruckman; Blair Saldana; Andrew Schwarz; Christa Bella Sellers; Carmen Settle; Brenda Simmons; Nancy Slife; James Stevens; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Bré elle Watts; Lisa Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

We have several dear members of this congregation who, because of illness and/or advanced age, are not able to assemble with us on the Lord's Day for Bible Study and Worship as they would like. They mean a great deal to us and we love them very much. These members are: Mildred Bell; Neva Carrigan; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall, Janelle Shirley, Wilma Squire and Lester Whisenant;

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who did Elijah have a contest with on Mount Carmel?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Two flaming horses drew the chariot which took Elijah up to Heaven?

FYI

Denny Wilson is hosting a weekly radio program called "**Christian Take Aim**" at 6:30 pm Tuesdays; www.thegospelradionetwork.org. Feel free to please pick up a business card on the youth table in the foyer.

Watch "**In Search of the Lord's Way**" every Sunday morning at 7:30 am on CBS, channel 7.

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "**Speaking the Truth in Love**" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Events

The Westside Church of Christ in Midland will have a “**Fall Gospel Meeting**”—October 11th–14th with Allen Webster presenting the lessons. Please mark the date.

The Southside Church of Christ will have their “**18th Annual Lubbock Lectureship**”—October 4th -7th, 2015. Please check out the flyer posted on our bulletin board listing the speakers and the lessons to be presented during the lectureship.

Office News

Our “**Food Pantry**” is low on food. It needs to be kept supplied with food and supplies for the children’s homes and those in need especially at the holiday season.

The **New Mexico Children’s Home** will be in Odessa Tuesday, December 8th for a food drive. They are requesting **Cream of Chicken Soup**. Monetary donations also accepted.

There will be a “**Ladies Breakfast**” Saturday, October 3rd in the Annex. The men of the congregation will be doing the cooking.

Crib Shower...

Congratulations to Eva and Brad Wells who have become first time grandparents. Their granddaughter, **Anastasia Thompson** was born at Medical Center Hospital September 11th, 2015 at 12:39 p.m. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Laying Aside the Creeds of Men

The essence of Protestantism is creedism. I am neither Catholic nor Protestant. We are here to put up a plea for pure, undenominational Christianity, the only Christianity there is or can be, and we want the Sanballats (Nehemiah 2:19, 4:1) out of our way so that the work may proceed without having to be shackled by creeds, liturgies, and humanisms. We insist on complete and absolute respect for the authority of the New Testament in preaching and practice. The only way complete restoration can be accomplished is to lay aside party names, party creeds, party doctrines, dogmas, and ordinances, and return to the New Testament.

—Foy E. Wallace, Jr. (1946)

September 27, 2015

	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Song Leader	Denny Wilson	Craig Wesson
Sermon	Allen Weakland	Allen Weakland
Opening Prayer	Jeff Wesson	Jeff Wesson
Scripture	Don Easlon	Jr. Munoz
Second Prayer	John Carroll	Charles Wood
Closing Prayer	Bill Brown	Larry May
Lord's Supper		
West...	Codey Wesson Rudy Ochoa Dex Dennard	George Warren Communion (In Library)
East...	Richard Siler Craig Wesson Dylan Straw	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Jeff Wesson 561-5302 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Chris Butler 362-7486 *Table*: George Warren 550-0805 *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 *Recording Duties*: Jacob Carson 432-940-3775
Collections: Jacob Carson 432-940-3775

Sunday AM”

“Emancipation Proclamation”
(Exodus 4:22,23)

Sunday PM

“Pretentious Scribes”
(Mark 12:38-40)

Our Records

Bible Class...80
Morning Worship...130
Evening Worship...77
Wednesday...68
Contribution...\$4,382.25

