

## Why This Podcast?

First, I want to make it clear as to what it is not. It is not to replace worshiping in the house of the Lord. There is no substitute for believers attending the congregation of the Lord and worshiping with the saints. Congregational worship is the highest and greatest form of worship and obedience that one can do in this life. Equally, this podcast is not to replace listening to sermons. The preaching of the gospel is ordained of the Lord for the purpose of feeding, encouraging, admonishing, and supplying the saints those things needful as they travel here below. Obviously, this podcast is not for background noise. Many people go around with their listening devices just to have some background noise because, sadly, this modern generation hardly knows how to think and they believe they need something to stimulate or to entertain them. Hopefully, each podcast will provide the listener with suitable content to stimulate him and challenge him with material to provide further consideration and study.

Second, the question may be raised that since we already have so much coming at us from all sides, why throw in another “voice” and add to the confusion? Indeed, this is a valid question. It is one that I seriously considered. However, it has been said that while one may not be proclaiming anything new, it is likely that he has an audience unique to his particular realm or area of influence. Therefore, while we are not providing anything new, it is our hope that this ministry will provide valuable information to the audience.

It is hoped that this podcast may provide many uses. Let me try to explain.

Our society is often busy and we do not always have time to devote to a full sermon or to read a lengthy article or book on a particular subject. Hopefully, this podcast will provide short messages (generally 10 to 15 minutes in length) that will stimulate and provoke the audience so that they will be challenged and enlightened in their Christian growth.

The purpose of this podcast is not to blend in with the plethora of material being published today under the umbrella of “Christianity.” The messages will be primarily limited to teaching, supporting, and, if necessary, defending Baptist beliefs. While I am denominated as a Primitive Baptist, my goal is not to teach or defend Primitive Baptist-ism. My primary goal is to teach what I believe the Scriptures teach. Naturally, I believe Baptist theology and practice more closely aligns with what the Scriptures teach than that of other denominations.

I make no excuse for the classification of denominations. Some reject this and maintain all denominations are evil and, therefore, profess to be non-denominational or no denomination. The problem with that is that non-denominational is a denomination. The meaning of denomination is that it is “the act of naming”; “a name or appellation ... used to express a thing or a quality”; or “a class, society or collection of individuals, called by the same name, as a denomination of christians.” *Dictionary of American English* by Noah Webster’s 1828 edition. Therefore, everyone or any group is denominated or classified as something.

Ecumenicalism and unity is proclaimed essentially by the majority of the Christian world. Often it is further announced that Christians and the world are to dialogue so that they can determine how much each will compromise their principles so that all may be united as one. This so-called unity was condemned by God at Babel.

Gen. 11:1-9: And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. <sup>2</sup>And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup>And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. <sup>4</sup>And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, Behold, the people *is* one, and

they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. <sup>7</sup>Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. <sup>8</sup>So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Paul also established this truth when he delivered his address at Mars' Hill.

Acts 17:24-26: God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; <sup>25</sup>Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; <sup>26</sup>And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.

While God did not establish the world for class warfare and tyrannical domination, neither did He ordain one-worldism whereby there is not to be distinction and individual races or ethnic classes. There can be and ought to be unity in diversity. But while this podcast is teaching Baptist ideology, it is not our desire or intention to belittle or propagate a hatred spirit where we differ or oppose another belief. The objection is for the purpose of strengthening and clarifying where Baptist differs from others and not to degrade or demean those who have differing views.

Hopefully, such a podcast as this will provide the audience with truths and concepts that will aid in strengthening and encouraging Baptists in their beliefs.