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## **BAPTIST PERPETUITY (AND PURGATORY**

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**Matthew 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**Romans 11:1** I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

**Revelation 22:16** **I Jesus** have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things **in the churches...**

18 For I testify unto **every man** that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And **if any man** shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly.** Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 3:13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for **the day** shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a

reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: **but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.**

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

**Matthew 18:21** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 **Therefore is the kingdom of heaven** likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and **delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.**

35 So **likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you**, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

S. H. Ford:

"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.**"

-W. A. Jarrel, *Baptist Church Perpetuity, Or, The Continual Existence of Baptist Churches from the Apostolic to the Present Day Demonstrated by the Bible and History* (1894).

"All that Baptists mean by church 'Succession,' or Church Perpetuity, 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."

J. R. Graves:

"Wherever there are three or more baptized members of a regular Baptist church or churches covenanted together to hold and teach, and are governed by the New Testament...there is a Church of Christ, even though there was not a presbytery of ministers in a thousand miles of them to organize them into a church. There is not the slightest need of a council of presbyters to organize a Baptist church."

[Montanists/Tertullianists, Paulicians, Novatians, Donatists, etc.]

S. H. Ford, *The Origin of the Baptists:*

[7th Century]:

"...Pope Gregory the First [540-604] issued Papal mandates condemning and urging the persecution of certain heretics, whom he called, 'Montenses and other Anabaptists'...[Of these]...Montenses, or Mountaineers...'They had neither beginning nor end,' said a Greek father...In the mountains of Armenia they still lingered...In the recesses of the Alps...persecuted as...Waldenses..."

**Song of Solomon 2:13** The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
14 O my dove, **that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places** of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

**Matthew 10:16** Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

S. H. Ford, *The Origin of the Baptists:*

"...in vain shall we seek among the authoritative records of the past, for one kind word concerning them. Crushed beneath a powerful and persecuting hierarchy; few, feeble, and what the world calls unlearned, yet lifting up their voice in defiant tones above the storms...protesting in the name of truth and freedom, against the universal domination of a State Church...sounding out through the grates of filthy

prisons the joyous notes of redeeming mercy..."

**Psalms 31:11** I was a reproach among all mine enemies...

13 For I have heard the slander of many...

18 Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.

20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of **thy presence** from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from **the strife of tongues**.

**2 Timothy 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**1 John 2:15** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**James 4:4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**

**2 Corinthians 6:17** Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Mark 8:38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and **of my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

