

## BAPTIST BELIEFS THROUGH THE CENTURIES

**Baptists are sometimes called Rebaptisers because they only believe in baptising believers and not infants. Baptists do not believe in baptismal regeneration.**

**Baptists were persecuted by early Reformation leaders.**

**Baptists believe in the security of the believer, once saved always saved. Once a person has cooperated with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and allowed the Spirit to bring him to saving faith in Jesus, that person has received eternal life, has been born again, and is forever in the family of God.**

**1 Peter 1:22,23   John 1:12; 6:47**

**Baptists believe in the ability of any accountable person to freely cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and come to faith in Jesus for eternal life. Acts 17:27   Matthew 7:7,8**

**Baptists believe that God wants to save people from sin in this life and avoid its consequences.**

**Romans 6:1-7**

**Baptists believe that those who have received eternal life in Christ should confess Jesus as Lord through believers baptism, verbal witness, and an obedient lifestyle. Romans 10:9   Matthew 16:24**

**Baptists believe that those who have received eternal life in Christ should continue to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and repent of sins, fellowship with other believers, and be obedient to the commands of Jesus.      1 John 1:9      Matthew 28:18-20      1 Thessalonians 5**

**Baptists believe that the only condition God places on a person for salvation is to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction in order to come to faith in Jesus and have eternal life, and live by faith through cooperation with the Spirit to experience salvation from sin and to righteous living in this life.**

**John 16:8   John 1:12   Galatians 2:20**

**Baptists believe that God wants all people to come by faith and receive eternal life in Jesus and be saved from sin and the consequences of sin. But God does not force His love upon any person. God wants a person to love Him in return because He first loved us.   1 Timothy 2:4      1 John 4:19**

**Baptists believe that God preserves the believer through new birth and the promise to complete the work He began in the believer. John 3:3      Philippians 1:6**