

# Baptist Church (II)

# Religious Bigotry

- Hiscox (127f.)
- Pendleton (159)
  - Reason to quote 'opponents': Hiscox, 81
- Our focus: General Baptists

# I. Manmade Creeds

# Pendleton (42-43; 116) – no substitute for Scripture (p.14)

- Human productions
  - Golden Calf, Ex.32
  - Strange fire, Lv.10
  - Traditions of men, Mt.15:1-9

## Pendleton (42-43; 116) – no substitute for Scripture (p.14)

- Human productions
- Cause strife and division. (Pe. 178)
  - Can't agree
  - Deny fellowship to those who differ with their creed
  - All great 'reformers' were considered heretics and excommunicated

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- Presumptuous
  - Arianism
    - Uninspired men had gift of clearer language than Holy Spirit?
    - Calvin, Hiscox, et al. speak more intelligently than NT?

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- **Useless**
  - Creed is human interpretation of Scripture.
  - Westminster Confession: interpreted as diversely as Bible.
  - 2 Pt.1:20-21
  - Mishna

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- Draw attention away from Bible
  - Pe: 178
  - Tendency: turn to creed, not Bible
  - 'My pastor says...' 1 Co.2:5



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- Pervert Word of God
  - Too much...too little...or changes

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II. Faith Alone

# ‘Justified solely through faith in Christ’

– (Hi. 62) Ro.5:1-2

- Mt.7:21; Lk.6:46, ‘call...do not...’
- ‘Doing’ . . .
  - Implies faith already present.  
Ac.2:37f
  - Comes after believing. Ac.2:37f
  - Necessary for salvation. Jn.6:26-29
  - Therefore, faith alone does not save.

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- Mt.7:21; Lk.6:46, 'call...do not...'
- Gal.5:6, working faith (1 Co.7:19).  
Hb.11
- Ja.2, faith alone –

Useless, 14-17

Demonic, 19

Dead, 17

Barren, 20

Unprovable, 18

Imperfect, 21-22

Does not justify, 24

# ‘Justified solely through faith in Redeemer’s blood’ – (Pe. 48)

- Many make Paul contradict James (Romans 4 ≠ James 2)
- Different kinds of works –
  - Jn.6:28-29, FAITH is a WORK

Paul: works of Law,  
not obedience

Ro.1:8 = 16:19

Ro.1:16-17 = 16:26

Faith is obedience

James: works of  
obedience, not Law  
2:14, faith w/o works  
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2:19, not faith alone

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III. Perseverance  
of Saints

‘We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end’ – Pe. 54

‘Such as are truly regenerate...will not utterly fall away’ – Hi. 67

- 1 Co.8:11, And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother **perish**, for whom Christ died?
  - Mt.10:28
  - Lk.9:25

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- 1 Co.9:27, But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

– Unqualified, worthless, base, not approved. Hb.6:8



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- Gal.5:4, You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt* to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.
- Be severed from, separated from, loosed from...
- Fallen away; to change for the worse from a favorable condition, lose.

# Conclusion (1)

The first regularly organized Baptist Church, of which we now possess any account, is dated from 1607, and was formed in London by a Mr. Smyth, who had been a clergyman in the Church of England' . . .

– Benedict's History of the Baptists, p. 304.

'We do not pretend that the primitive saints were called Baptists; all went under the general denomination of Christians, and when they began to file off into parties, they took the names of the men by whom they were led' – Benedict, General History, p. 95

# Conclusion (2)

No mention of music?

David appears to have had a peculiarly tender remembrance of the singing of the pilgrims, and assuredly it is the most delightful part of worship and that which comes nearest to the adoration of heaven. What a degradation to supplant the intelligent song of the whole congregation by the theatrical prettiness of a quartette, the refined niceties of a choir, or the blowing off of wind from inanimate bellows and pipes! We might as well pray by machinery as praise by it' – Spurgeon,

Commentary, Ps.42:4.