

# CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS: A SHORT TOUR THROUGH THE LOVELY AND DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO SAY WE WORSHIP JESUS



## WEEK 5: BAPTIST TRADITIONS

### Bible Roots

Exodus 19:3-6	Isaiah 10:5-6	Romans 10:9-10
Joshua 24:14-15	2 Corinthians 3:17	John 10:28

If you were to start from these verses and say what the Church should be like, what would be most important to your Church?

### Important Dates

- 1612: English exiles, led by John Smyth, return to London from Amsterdam and establish the General Baptists
- 1633: Particular Baptists separate from General Baptists over questions of Calvinist theology
- 1792: Particular Baptists begin the Baptist Missionary Society Northamptonshire, England, starting the modern missionary movement and spreading Baptist churches all over the American South
- 1845: Baptists from slave states meet in Augusta, Georgia, to separate officially from anti-slavery Baptists and form the Southern Baptist Convention
- 1895: Black Baptists in Southern states form the National Baptist Convention

### Ways that the Baptists Differ from Us

- Rather than seeing baptism as itself a gift from God, Baptists insist that baptism is “a work” and thus does not play any role in saving the sinner.
- Instead of Elders and Deacons, Baptists tend to have Deacons and a Pastor as the spiritual leaders of their congregations (which, like ours, maintain local teaching authority).
- Some (but not all) Baptists hold that the believer who “gets saved” enjoys eternal security after conversion: there is no such thing as an ex-Christian.
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