

“Why We’re Baptists.”

Convictions That Shape Our Church.

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Text: (Topical, 1 Timothy, Matt 16, 18)

Sermon Series: “A Divine Blueprint.”

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B – Biblical _____ (1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim 3:16–17)

A – Autonomous _____ (Matt 16, 18; 1 Cor 5)

- Key idea: We use the “_____ of the kingdom.”

FORMS OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT			
Form	Adherents	Authority	Basis
Episcopal	Roman Catholic Orthodox Episcopal Lutheran Methodist	Bishops	Acts 6:6; 14:23 Galatians 1:19; 2:9
Presbyterian	Presbyterian Reformed	Elders	Acts 20:17 1 Timothy 5:17 Titus 1:5
Congregational	Congregational Baptist Mennonite Evangelical Free	Congregation	Acts 15:12, 22–25 Colossians 1:18 1 Peter 2:9

P – Priesthood of All _____ (1 Tim 2:5; 1 Pet 2:9)

T – Two _____ (Acts 2:41–42; 1 Cor 11)

- **Baptism** = public profession
- **Lord’s Supper** = covenant renewal

I – Individual Soul _____ (1 Tim 1:5; Rom 14:5–12)

S – Saved Church _____ (Jer 31:31–33, Acts 2:41; 1 Tim 3:15)

T – Two _____ (1 Tim 3; Phil 1:1)

- **Elders** = spiritual _____
- **Deacons** = practical _____

S – Separation of Church and _____ (Mark 12:17; Acts 5:29)

Recommended Resources:

- *The Baptist Confession of Faith and The Baptist Catechism*
- *Don’t Fire Your Church Members* – by Jonathan Leeman
- *Baptist Foundations*, edited by Mark Dever and Jonathan Leeman