

Branches of Christianity

Baptists & Pentecostals

- I. Multiple Origins of the Baptists
 - A. From the Anabaptists in the 16th century
 - B. From Anglican Puritans to Baptists
- II. Baptists Beliefs and Practices
 - A. Variety of Baptists and Baptist Distinctives
 - i. Why there are so many different Baptists?
 - B. Theology of Baptism
 - i. Methods of Baptism - Sprinkling; Pouring; Immersion
 - ii. Meaning of Baptism
 - Participation of Christ's Death and Resurrection
 - Conversion, Pardoning and Cleansing
 - Gift of the Spirit
 - Incorporation into the Body of Christ
 - New Life as a Sign of the Kingdom
- III. Strengths of the Baptist Traditions
 - A. Study of Scripture
 - B. Passion for Missionary Evangelism
 - C. The Simple Message of the Gospel
 - i. Human Condition -> Atonement
 - Substitutionary vs Ransom Theory vs Moral Influence Theory
- IV. The History of Pentecostalism
 - A. Methodists and the Holiness Movement
 - i. Charles Parham (1873-1929)
 - ii. Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles (1906-1915)
 - B. Branches of the Pentecostalism
 - i. Trinitarian and Oneness
- V. Major Emphases of Pentecostalism
 - A. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit
 - B. Second Coming of Christ
 - C. Modern-day Miracles and Healing
- VI. Strengths of the Pentecostals
 - A. Living Daily in the Power and Direction of the Holy Spirit
 - B. A Willingness to Identify and Use Our Spiritual Gifts
 - C. Reclaiming Healing Prayer