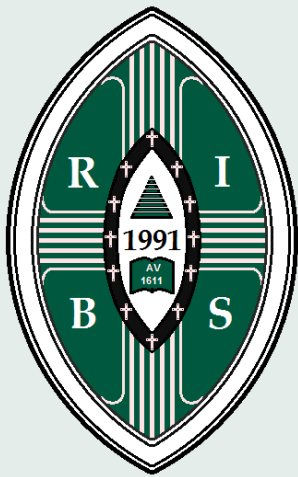


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Ecclesiastes 12

12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

2 Timothy 2

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Peter 3

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto

you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

1 Timothy 3

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Matthew 28

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

## CLASS 302 BAPTIST DISTINCTIONS III -- GENERAL

### **Introduction**

This is the third section of BAPTIST DISTINCTIONS with the emphasis on General topics. As we move the students along in self-directed work, the amount of information in the syllabi becomes less detailed and allows for class discussion and self-study.

The Lessons that follow will provide a starting point for classes. The teacher can do the study himself, study in class, or assign the study to the students. The teacher can also adjust lessons as he is led of God.

#### Connection to Love Commandment Doctrine

Every class must be connected to Jesus' great commandment, for this is the way of the Lord. We understand Jesus built his church and gave himself for it. He loves the church and cherishes and nourishes his church. He washes her with the water of the word. These outlines are taken from the Husband's words.

## CLASS 302 BAPTIST DISTINCTIONS III -- GENERAL

### LESSON 1: GOVERNMENTS

#### I. ROMANS 13:1-6 POWERS THAT BE:

- \* Powers that be are ordained of God.

#### II. HONOR THE KING (1 PETER 2:17).

#### III. RENDER UNTO CAESAR (GOSPELS):

- A. MATTHEW 22:21.
- B. MARK 12:17.
- C. LUKE 20:25.

#### IV. JESUS TO PILATE (JOHN 19:11).

#### V. PAUL SUBMITTED TO FELIX, FESTUS, AND AGRIPPA (ACTS 23-26).

#### VI. PAUL APPEALED TO CAESAR UNDER ROMAN LAW (ACTS 25:11,28:19).

#### VII. PETER AND JOHN (ACTS 5:29).

#### VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENTS:

- A. The Tower of Babel- Genesis 11:9.
- B. In the wilderness Israel had a Theocracy (God reigns and rules).
- C. During the time of Samuel Israel had a Monarchy (king reigns and rules).
  - \* Samuel- Prophet, Judge- 1 Samuel 3:20, 7:6,

#### IX. UNDER THE DIVIDED KINGDOM ISRAEL AND JUDAH HAD KINGS.

- A. Interestingly, Abimelech was mentioned to be the first king (Judges 9:6).
- B. Some of Israel's kings were good:
  - \* David, Solomon.
- C. Most of Israel's kings were bad:
  - \* Saul, Ish-bosheth, Jeroboam – Hosea.
- D. Some of Judah's kings were good:
  - \* David, Hezekiah, Josiah, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Jehoash, Amaziah, Jotham.
- E. Some of Judah's kings were bad:
  - \* Rehoboam – Zedekiah.

#### X. JESUS IS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (REVELATION 17:14, 19:16).

- A. The millennial reign of Christ.
- B. The new Jerusalem.

#### X. JESUS MAKES US KINGS AND PRIESTS (REVELATION 1:6, 5:10).

- \* We shall reign with Him- 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 20:6.

#### XI. PRAY FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY (1 TIMOTHY 2:1-3).

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### LESSON 2: WAR AND MILITARY

- I. GOD HAD ISRAEL NUMBER MEN OF WAR (NUMBERS 1:2,3).
- II. PAUL SAID TO TIMOTHY- ENDURE HARDNESS AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST  
(2 TIMOTHY 2:3,4).
- III. JOHN BAPTIST TO ROMAN SOLDIERS- BE CONTENT WITH WAGES AND DO NO  
VIOLENCE  
TO NO MAN (LUKE 3:14).
- IV. WAR IN HEAVEN- ANGELS VERSES DEVILS (REVELATION 12:7-9).
- V. PUT ON WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD (EPHESIANS 6:11,13).
- VI. GIDEON'S ARMY (JUDE 7).
- VII. JOSHUA'S BATTLES (JOSHUA 6,8,10,11):  
\* The conquest of Ai (Joshua 8) is an interesting and untypical battle.
- VIII. JESUS SAID- IF MY KINGDOM WERE OF THIS WORLD THEN WOULD MY SERVANTS  
FIGHT  
(JOHN 18:36).
- IX. SHOULD A CHRISTIAN JOIN THE MILITARY AND GO TO WAR?
  - A. The OT Israel Army.
  - B. Good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3,4).
  - C. Obey earthly authorities (Romans 13:1-7; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Peter 2:13-17).



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### LESSON 3: MURDER

I. THOU SHALT NOT KILL (EXODUS 20:13; DEUTERONOMY 5:17):

\* Jesus Said Thou Shalt Do No Murder (Matthew 19:18).

II. FIRST MURDER- CAIN KILLED ABLE (GENESIS 4:8).

III. MAN SHED BLOOD, HIS BLOOD SHED (GENESIS 9:6).

IV. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MURDER AND KILLING:

A. Examples of killing- self-defense, war.

1. OT wars.

2. Killing is accepted in some circumstances.

B. Murder is a result of anger outbursts, hate and sometimes is premeditated.

\* Murder is wrong.

V. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT (GENESIS 9:6):

A. This is justice for the crime of murder.

B. This is justice for the victims left to cope with the loss.

C. This is meant as a deterrent for further crimes.

VI. IF YOU HATE YOUR BROTHER, YOU'RE A MURDERER (1 JOHN 3:15).

\* We must monitor our thought life.

VII. ELIJAH ON MOUNT CARMEL (1 KINGS 18:40).

VIII. SAMUEL KILLED KING AGAG (1 SAMUEL 15:32,33).

IX. GOD SMITING (NOT MURDER):

A. Pharaoh's Army (Exodus 14:27-30).

B. Eli's sons (1 Samuel 4:11).

C. Nabal (1 Samuel 25:37,38).

D. OT Kings slain in battle

E. Herod (Acts 12:23).

F. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:5,10).

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### LESSON 4: SELF DEFENSE / ARMS

- I. JESUS SAID TO SELL COAT AND BUY SWORD (LUKE 22:36).
- II. PETER OWNED A SWORD (JOHN 18:10).
- III. LIVE BY SWORD, PERISH BY SWORD (MATTHEW 26:52).
- IV. JESUS- TURN THE OTHER CHEEK (MATTHEW 5:39; LUKE 6:29):
  - \* THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SMITING AND MORTALLY WOUNDING.
- V. ANCIENT CITIES HAD HIGH WALLS AND GATES.
- VI. GOD PUT UP HEDGES.
- VII. THE CITIES OF REFUGE (NUMBERS 35:11; JOSHUA 20:2; 1 CHRONICLES 6:67).
- VIII. JESUS SAID TO BE WISE AS SERPENTS, YET HARMLESS AS DOVES (MATTHEW 10:16).
- IX. DAVID HAD HIS MIGHTY MEN (2 SAMUEL 23:8; 1 CHRONICLES 11:10):
  - \* DAVID KILLED HIS THOUSANDS (1 SAMUEL 18:7).
- X. SAMSON AND OTHERS DEFENDED THEMSELVES (JUDGES 15:12-15).
- XI. ETHICAL QUESTIONS:
  - A. SHOULD CHRISTIANS DEFEND THEMSELVES?
  - B. SHOULD CHRISTIANS OWN ARMS?
  - C. SHOULD CHRISTIANS KEEP ARMS?
  - D. THE OBVIOUS ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS, "YES".

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**LESSON 5: THE WORLD**

- I. WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS (1 JOHN 5:19).
- II. GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (JOHN 3:16).
- III. NO PROFIT TO GAIN WORLD AND LOSE SOUL (MATTHEW 16:26; MARK 8:36; LUKE 9:25).
- IV. BELIEVERS TO NOT LOVE WORLD (1 JOHN 2:15).
- V. BELIEVERS IN WORLD, NOT OF WORLD, YET TO REACH WORLD (JOHN 17:11,14,16,18).
- VI. GREATER IN BELIEVERS THAN IN THE WORLD.
- VII. GOD KEEPS BELIEVERS IN THE WORLD (JOHN 17:15).
- VIII. MARVEL NOT THAT THE WORLD HATE YOU (JOHN 15:18,19; 1 JOHN 3:13).
- IX. WORLD EVANGELISM IS THE DUTY OF ALL BELIEVERS (MARK 16:15; LUKE 24:46-48; ACTS 1:8).
- X. WORLD UNDER SATAN'S CONTROL (LUKE 4:6; EPHESIANS 6:12).
- XI. HONOR THE KING (1 PETER 2:17).

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### LESSON 6: MUSIC: GOOD AND BAD

I. CATEGORIES OF GOOD MUSIC (EPHESIANS 5:19; COLOSSIANS 3:16):

A. PSALMS

B. HYMNS

C. SPIRITUAL SONGS

II. MUSIC SHOULD GLORIFY GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT (1 CORINTHIANS 10:31).

III. DAVID WROTE PSALMS AND PLAYED (2 SAMUEL 23:1).

IV. PAUL AND SILAS SANG AT MIDNIGHT AND JAILOR GOT SAVED (ACTS 16:25,29,30)..

V. AT THE LAST SUPPER JESUS AND APOSTLES SANG A HYMN (MATTHEW 26:30; MARK 14:26).

VI. MUSIC IN FALSE WORSHIP (DANIEL 3:5,7).

VII. TRUMPETS USED AND JERICHO'S WALLS FELL (JOSHUA 6:15,16,20).

VIII. MUSIC USED AT SOLOMON'S DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE (2 CHRONICLES 5:12,13).

IX. DAVID RELIEVED SAUL'S EVIL SPIRIT (1 SAMUEL 16:23).

X. Musical instruments not used in church worship among New Testament churches (Baptists) until 1900

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### LESSON 7: GAMBLING

#### I. CASTING OF LOTS IN BIBLE:

- A. Leviticus 16:8- The 2 goats.
- B. Joshua 18:10- Joshua to Achan
- C. 1 Samuel 14:42- Saul.
- D. Psalms 22:18; Matthew 27:35- Jesus' garments.
- E. Jonah 1:7- Jonah.
- F. Acts 1:26- Matthias.

#### II. DON'T BE GREEDY OF GAIN- PROVERBS 1:19.

#### III. DON'T BE GREEDY OF MONEY- 1 TIMOTHY 3:3.

#### IV. DON'T HASTE TO BE RICH- PROVERBS 28:20,22.

#### V. WE SHOULD BE GIVERS NOT GAMBLERS (LUKE 6:38).

#### VI. BETRAYAL AND BLOOD MONEY (MATTHEW 26:14,15,27:3-8; ACTS 1:16,19).

#### VII. ETHICAL QUESTIONS:

- A. SHOULD CHRISTIANS PLAY THE LOTTERY?
- B. SHOULD CHRISTIANS BET ON SPORTS?
- C. SHOULD CHRISTIANS GO TO THE CASINO?
- D. SHOULD CHRISTIANS GO TO BINGO?
- E. THE OBVIOUS ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS, "NO".

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**LESSON 8: RICHES, WEALTH, AND POVERTY**

I. NOT A SIN TO BE RICH AND HAVE MONEY:

\* Solomon was wealthy- 1 Kings 3:13.

II. THE LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL- 1 TIMOTHY 6:10.

III. SHOULD GIVE MORE WHEN RICH.

IV. RICHES GO FAST- PROVERBS 23:5, 27:24.

V. BE CONTENT- PROVERBS 30:8.

VI. NOT TO BE FOOLISH- LUKE 12:16-21.

VII. PROSPER AND BE IN HEALTH EVEN AS SOUL PROSPERETH.

VIII. POVERTY IS A CASE- PROVERBS 6:9-11,13:18,20:13,23:21

IX. LAY UP AS ONE PROSPERETH:

\* Joseph- Genesis 41:33-37.

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**LESSON 9: FALSE RELIGION**

I. MARS HILL- PAUL PREACHED IN AN IDOLATROUS CITY- ACTS 17:16-34.

II. ANOTHER CHRIST, SPIRIT, GOSPEL- GALATIANS 1:6-9.

III. IDOLATRY- GRAVEN IMAGES- EXODUS 20:3-5; DEUTERONOMY 5:7-9.

\* Covetousness is Idolatry- EXODUS 20:17; DEUTERONOMY 5:21.

IV. DOCTRINE OF DEVILS- ABSTAIN FROM APPEARANCE OF EVIL- ACTS 15:20; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:22.

1 TIMOTHY 4:3; 1 PETER 2:11.

V. FALSE PROPHETS- MATTHEW 24:11; MARK 13:22; LUKE 6:26:

\* True Religion- PAUL, JAMES, PETER, JUDE.

VI. NOT TOSSED TO AND FRO- EPHESIANS 4:14; JAMES 1:6.

VII. JESUS PREACHING.

VIII. ELIJAH ON MOUNT CARMEL- 1 KINGS 18:21-40.

IX. FALSE GODS- DAGON, ASHTORETH, DIANA- JUDGES 16:23; 1 SAMUEL 5:2; 1 KINGS 11:5; 2 KINGS 23:13.

ACTS 19:28.

X. ABSTAIN FROM IDOLS GIVEN TO GENTILES (ACTS 15:20,29).

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**LESSON 10: TREATMENT OF ANIMALS AND POSSESSIONS**

I. REGARD YOUR BEAST (PROVERBS 12:10).

II. DON'T MUZZLE OX (DEUTERONOMY 25:4; 1 CORINTHIANS 9:9; 1 TIMOTHY 5:18).

\* Care for oxen.

III. BE NOTHING LOST (JOHN 6:12).

\* Gathered after feeding of the 5 thousand.

IV. JESUS SAID, YOU WOULD SAVE OX FROM DITCH ON SABBATH (MATTHEW 12:11; LUKE 14:5).

V. SUBSTANCE OF A DILIGENT MAN IS PRECIOUS (PROVERBS 12:27).

VI. SAUL WENT AFTER HIS FATHERS DONKEYS (1 SAMUEL 9:3).

VII. DAVID WENT AFTER WIVES AND POSSESSIONS (1 SAMUEL 30).

VIII. JESUS GOES AFTER SHEEP THAT IS LOST (MATTHEW 15:24; MATTHEW 18:12; LUKE 15:4).

IX. GOOD STEWARDS DO NOT WASTE (LUKE 16:1-8).



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**LESSON 11: GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED RELIGION**

I. MOSAIC LAW WAS OF GOD FOR ISRAEL (EXODUS 19:5,6).

II. ROMAN CAESAR WAS EMPEROR.

\* No god but Caesar.

III. FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.

\* Free will honored by God.

IV. N.T. IS AGAINST ESTABLISHED RELIGION (JAMES 1:26,27).

V. HISTORY SHOWS BAPTISTS ARE AGAINST ESTABLISHED RELIGION.

VI. MILLENNIUM UNDER CHRIST- TRUE ESTABLISHED RELIGION (REVELATION 20:4,6).

\* Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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**LESSON 12: INNOCENCE AND INDEPENDENCE**

I. ADAM AND EVE WERE CREATED IN INNOCENCE (GENESIS 1:26,27).

II. SIN CORRUPTS INNOCENCE (JOB 33:9; PSALMS 19:13; PROVERBS 1:11).

III. NOT TO SPEAK OF SINFUL THINGS (EPHESIANS 5:12).

IV. JESUS WAS INNOCENT (MATTHEW 27:23,24; LUKE 23:14,22; JOHN 18:38).

\* Pilate said I find no fault.

V. THINK ON THESE THINGS- PHILIPPIANS 4:8.

VI. LIBERTY NOT AN OCCASION TO THE FLESH- GALATIANS 5:13.

VII. WE ARE CALLED SAINTS AND SHOULD BE SANCTIFIED (ROMANS 1:7; 1 CORINTHIANS 1:2).

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