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**1Timothy 3:15**

**BIBLE BAPTIST**



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*Naham 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.*

Thank you for the great response to the Pillar coming back on line. We pray that we can continue to be an encouragement to you. As we move forward with the pillar, we continue to try some new things, while still staying true to the mission statement of the Baptist Pillar. That mission is to supply a good, solid source of Baptist doctrine. Just to be clear, we believe that good solid Baptist doctrine is synonymous with good solid **Biblical** doctrine. As always, we agree with the points in the articles that we use, but not necessarily all of the author's viewpoints. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us. Our email is [brandonmb.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:brandonmb.bbc@gmail.com). If you want to view past Pillar issues please visit our website at [Brandonbbc.com](http://Brandonbbc.com). If you would like a copy of our archived articles, we can send a flash drive with the entirety of our archive. Anyway, enjoy the read, and as always...

**Keep on keeping on!**

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## BBC Brandon Update

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Halfway through summer, and still no real change to the restrictions in Manitoba. Yes, they have upped the official size of groups from 10 to 50, but still, that is not true freedom to assemble. We are worried that with the fearmongering going on, if things take a turn for the worse in regards to Covid, they will reduce those numbers again. It is saddening to me that our country has so easily thrown aside the freedoms that we have for a false sense of security. As time wears on, it gets more and more apparent that this course of action is not going to work. Give an inch, and they take a mile. We must take a stand against this tyranny. Write or call your politicians. Voice your concerns to them. Don't be ashamed because your viewpoint goes against popular culture or even the so called "experts". The Christian viewpoint has always gone against the popular opinion. The health "experts" think that abortion is health care and don't care about God in the least.

Our family camp starts soon, and we are looking forward to

getting a break from the world, and getting some good old fashioned camp style preaching. Our pamphlet outreach has had some encouraging results, with some ongoing Bible studies and visitors to services still happening. Keep these things in prayer for us.

Our search for a pastor continues, but is slowed considerably because of the travel restrictions due to Covid. We covet your prayers in this, and would also love to hear from churches about even temporary help in filling our pulpit. Thank you for your consideration in this.

## Some Had Rather Run Than Fight

E. L. Bynum

*From the Plains Baptist  
Challenger, December 2009 -  
Part 1*

**"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."**(I Timothy 6:12)

History has shown that the Nations of the World cannot

always live in peace. As much as they might desire peace, the time comes when they must fight to keep it. Pacifist nations become slaves and lose their liberty and freedom. No one should ever want war, but war has always come to every peaceful nation.

### THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The faith has been delivered unto God's people once for all. That should be enough for us all, but there is one problem and that is the presence of evil in the world. No sooner had God placed mankind in a perfect environment and then up jumped the devil. Here on this earth began the war between good and evil. (It had previously begun in heaven, but we are talking about mankind.) Good and evil involved Satan and a host of angels against God and His Creation.

That battle that began in the Garden of Eden continues to this very hour, and will continue until God throws Satan and all his followers into the lake of fire. Those Christians, who desire to live without fighting, will ultimately be the devil's helpers.

The Christian life would be far easier if all we had to do was preach the saving gospel of Christ and declare God's wonderful plan for mankind. But that is a pipe dream that will lead to ruin if followed. For proof of this, simply look at Adam and Eve and see what they lost by not fighting evil. Not only did they lose Eden and its glory, but look at the effect it had on the whole human race!

So it is with the Christian faith that was once delivered —

*"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."* (Jude 1:3) As

Christians, we can either fight for the faith, or stand by and watch the evil one destroy all that we have built. The spiritual destruction we see today is a direct result of Christians not defending the faith!

### **THE FIGHT IN SPURGEON'S DAY**

Spurgeon's Church in London, England was for many years affiliated with the Baptist Union of Great Britain. For a number of years he struggled over the drift towards liberalism in the Baptist Union. He boldly preached against it and wrote extensively about this evil of compromise. Many of his writings were published in "The Sword and Trowel". Finally he came to the point where he could do nothing other than withdraw from the Baptist Union. He was disappointed that many of his friends, who believed as he did, stayed in the Union and broke fellowship with him. Some historians have written that this heart break led to his early death. Of course no one really knows, but one thing is clear that Spurgeon never gave in to the liberals.

### **THE FIGHT IN THE 20TH CENTURY**

In the early 1900's, a flood of modernism/liberalism swept into this country from England and Germany. They worked deceptively to undermine the

doctrines of the Christian faith by questioning the integrity of the Bible and by suggesting there were two accounts of creation in the book of Genesis. That meant that Moses didn't write the book of Genesis and after all it was just a bunch of stories handed down from generation to generation. They also denied that the book of Isaiah was written by Isaiah, saying that there were a least two Isaiahs.

The miracles of the Bible could not be believed and the prophecies of the Bible were written after the fact. The Bible was not inspired but a fallible book. Of course they did not teach this all at once, but little by little they destroyed the faith of their listeners. (**Note:** Most of the modern Seminaries and Colleges of today are still teaching the same junk.)

I admire the early fundamentalists that stood up against the modernism that was overcoming the denominations and churches. I could name many of the prominent ones who had large churches and a greater capacity to make their voices heard, but I would leave out a host of others. They were fighters and attracted a large number of followers, but they could not stem the tide of error.

Denominations, one after another, fell into the trap of compromise. The most effective voices came from the Baptists. I am glad they stood in the gap and at least tried. During this same period of time, there were many Baptist churches that never belonged to the organized denominations. There were some that held tightly to the doctrines of the Bible.

The Baptist fundamentalists contained some effective preachers who did great things for the Lord, but they had some fatal flaws that doomed their long time effectiveness. Here are a few of those flaws.

- They were involved in trying to save organized denominations, when those organizations had no Scriptural grounds to even exist. Organized denominations cannot be found in the New Testament, nor can we find doctrinal teaching that justifies their existence.
- Baptists entered into fellowship with Protestants and Inter-denominationalists; because they were fighting a common fight against rank unbelief among liberals. That led Baptists to place less emphasis on many other doctrines which were fundamental to having a Scriptural Church. I speak of the doctrine of the church and the church ordinances, as well as other doctrines. These are fundamental doctrines and vital for maintaining sound churches. It was easy for them to face a common foe of modernism and more or less ignore other doctrines upon which they could not agree.
- Many of these churches had suffered extensively under the denominational pressure that was put upon them by the Northern Baptist Convention (now American Baptist Convention), and the Southern Baptist Convention. Instead of seeing the complete folly of such organizations, they set

about organizing their own organized fellowships and Associations. This move eventually would bring about another organization that would cause them to have to flee or give in to many of the same errors. I will have more to say about this in the next article that I intend to write.

- Organizing into fellowships and Associations led to the lowering of standards of personal separation and common decency. Years ago I was away on a business trip for the Church. The friend I was traveling with wanted me to go with him to a gathering of international Protestant fundamentalist churches. It was at a large hotel and conference center on the beach. While there was some truth preached during our short time there, the personal separation of many of the people gathered there was a shame. It was a beautiful hotel with a large swimming pool. Delegates attending the convention were coming and going from the swimming pool dressed in a shocking manner. It was too much for me to take so we only stayed one night and left after the morning session. It is a mystery to me that people would fight modernism and yet they had no standards of separation. In the morning session the President of this organization called my name, and asked me to come to the platform and lead in prayer. I should have walked out, but I did not.

I recently read a statement in the *Sword of the Lord* that I had even forgot making.

"E. L. Bynum aptly delineated this weakness when he wrote in the May 2008 issue of the *Plains Baptist Challenger*. 'We hear of pastors who are tired of fighting and are trying to be more positive and successful. They simply want to be a

part of a kinder and gentler religious movement'" I am reluctant to quote from Augustine and the other Catholic quotable writers, because they wrote far more heretical quotes than truth. The same goes for the great Greek and Roman philosophers. Never the less I will quote from a Jewish philosopher who hit the nail on the head in this particular quote. "Truth does not become more true by virtue of the fact that the entire world agrees with it, nor less so even if the whole world disagrees with it." –Maimonides (1135-1204)

## Falling Away

Pastor John Reaves, Sr.

Part 1

II Thess. 2:1-12, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not

come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Verse 3 says, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [...by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, the Rapture] shall not come, except [before] there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

There is little doubt that we are living in the very last days. Our gathering together unto Him is in the very near future, "...Nearer than when we believed,..." Rom. 11:13 and as verses 12 and 13 goes on to say, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

Many things point to the last days, the Jews back in the land, Israel in control of Jerusalem, Gog and Magog on the move, and the condition of mankind as in II Tim. 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." So no doubt the last days are upon us, just look at Israel and mankind. They both point to the end of this world as we know it.

While I was in Bible college they often came up with blanket statements that were meant to be believed and not questioned or

challenged, for instance, "We believe in the imminent return of Christ."

In other words from the moment Jesus left this world in Acts 1:9-11:

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." they taught that he could come back at any moment. But that is not what the Bible teaches. Jesus told Peter in John 21:18, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not."

Now if the Lord had come back before Peter was old his word would not have been true but a lie. The same problem arises concerning the destruction of Jerusalem.

Another blanket statement they made was, "There are no signs pointing to the Rapture; all signs point to his second coming," and if you were to be a good so-

called "Fundamentalist" you could not question such a statement.

Well, I had a few problems with that statement, for one, I Thess. 4:15-18 without question speaks of the Rapture:

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." and chapter 5:1-4 says, "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

This also speaks of "...that day..." the Rapture, because the second coming will not be as a thief because every eye shall see Him, verse 3 says, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety;"

and coming out of the Middle East and the rest of the world that's just about all we hear Peace, peace but there is no peace and will be no until the Prince of Peace returns. But, "For when they shall say,..." that's a sign before the Rapture.

In our text we find another sign, [sign according to Webster's 1828 dictionary means: some visible transaction, event, or appearance intended as proof for evidence] "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day [our gathering together unto him] shall not come, except there come a falling away first," Strong's gives this definition for falling: "defection from truth, apostasy, falling away, forsake." The Greek word is "apostasia" of which we get the English word apostasy.

Many in Christendom seem to be shocked that men like Pat Robertson, Charles Colson, Bill Bright, Mark Noil, and Jesse Miranda of the Assemblies of God would sign a document like, "Evangelicals and Catholics Together, The Christian Mission in the 3rd Millennium," of which they did sign in 1994. And yet others seem to be surprised that Billy Graham, Jack Van Impe, and others would praise Rome and the pope the way they do.

They tend to try to teach that this is the falling away, the apostasy. But I am under the impression that one must to have been there before one could ever fall away from it.

The Protestants know from whence they came from and where they are going back to.

"In 1854, the Presbyterian General Assembly met in Buffalo, and this question was presented to them for their decision:

"Are Romish baptisms and ordinations valid?"

There was a heated discussion over this question. The majority report of the committee was that all ordinations at the hands of the Romish priests were invalid, because the Roman Catholic Church was no church of Christ, but anti-Christ, and therefore the baptisms and ordinations of such an apostate body are null and void.

The minority report, on the other hand, contended that if they denied the church of Rome to be a true church of Christ, they unchurched themselves, since they came out of Rome, and received their baptisms and ordinances therefrom. Finding

they could not extricate themselves from the dilemma, they moved an indefinite postponement of the question."

Protestants, New Evangelicals, Charismatics, and the like have never been there to fall away from the truth. Most wouldn't know the truth if it hit them in the face.

What we are seeing today is a departure or defection from the truth concerning Independent Baptists. The churches and pastors who once stood for "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," Jude 3, are no longer contending but pretending. They are no longer standing where they once did, they have fallen. This defection, apostasy, or abandonment, of which one has professed, does not come over night. It is usually a slow step by step process; there is no doubt a pattern.

# To My Baptist Brethren

Taken from the book, *Baptist Doctrines*, 1892

We should remember that we have naught to gain, but everything to lose by compromising the principles which we hold. Should fidelity to God's Word lead us to separation from those we love as well as our own lives, we should still be firm; remembering that true love to Jesus, as well as to our friends, should lead us to stand firmly by the truth.

Baptists have accomplished a noble work for the world. We do not believe that their mission is ended. Our fathers suffered imprisonment, stripes, banishment, death, that they might bequeath to us the rich legacy which we enjoy. Shall we barter that legacy for popular applause? The early Christians were the "sect everywhere spoken against."

Our Master bore suffering and shame for us. If our principles bring reproach upon us, let us bear that reproach. Let us be careful to avoid bitterness and unholy strife. Let our lives abound in patience, forbearance, gentleness, goodness, and truth, while we commit ourselves, not to men, but to God, who judgeth righteously.

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