

“What is a Baptist? Nine Marks that separate Baptists from Presbyterians”

Dr. Steve W. Lemke, Provost & Professor of Philosophy, NOBTS writes a 39 page paper detailing 9 points of agreement and 9 points of disagreement between Baptists and Presbyterians)

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Baptists and Presbyterians hold nine beliefs in common:

Sola Scriptura

Soli Deo Gloria: The Primacy of the Glory of God

Sola Gratia and Sola Fide (Salvation by Grace Alone)

Solus Christus: Salvation through the Substitutionary Atonement of Christ Alone

The Sovereignty of God over All His Creation

The Divine Calling, Election, and Predestination of Believers to Salvation

The Security of the Believer

The Perfect Omniscience and Complete Foreknowledge of God

The Imperative of the Proclamation of the Gospel by the Church

“Nine Marks Which Separate Baptists from Presbyterians”(PC in parentheses)

Mark 1:

Soul Competency/Priesthood of All Believers/Religious Liberty

(Established Church but Reconstructionism, Theocratic Dominionism, or Theonomy)

Mark 2: Age of Accountability

(Original Sin as Inherited Guilt)

Mark 3: Believer’s Baptism/the Gathered Church

(Infant Baptism)

Mark 4: Baptism by the Mode of Immersion

(Sprinkling or Pouring)

Mark 5: Baptism and Lord’s Supper as Symbolic Ordinances

(as Sacraments)

Mark 6: Congregational Church Polity

(Presbyter Church Polity)

Mark 7: Local Church Autonomy
(Hierarchical Denomination)

Mark 8: Two Scriptural Officers -- Pastor/Bishop/Elder and Deacon
(Three Officers –Pastor/Bishop, Elder, and Deacon)

Mark 9: Decisional Conversion/Gospel Invitations
(Confirmation)