



Q & A's ON SBC HOT TOPICS

ANSWER/CHECK BOXES BELOW TO CLARIFY YOUR VIEWS. IN DISCUSSIONS, REMEMBER:

By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another. John 13:35

Above all else, keep fervent in your love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sin. I Peter 4:8

The bondservant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome, but kind to all... with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition... that God may grant repentance leading to the knowledge of truth. II Timothy 2:24-26

Which practices should merit church removal from the SBC?

- Denial of Christ as only way to God?
- Denial of inerrancy of Scripture?
- Denial of sufficiency of Scripture?
- Denial of literal 2nd Coming of Christ?
- Universalism (all people will be saved)?
- Support of LGBTQ+ ideology & lifestyle?
- Support of Critical Race Theory?
- King James = only valid English Bible?
- Water baptism required for salvation?
- Modes of Baptism & Communion?
- Dispensational theology & Israel?
- Arminian theology ?
- 5 pt. Calvinist theology? 4.0? 3.0?
- Post-millennial view of 2nd Coming?
- Amillennial view of 2nd Coming?
- Historical Pre-millennial view?
- Annihilationism re: punishment in hell?
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit as a 2nd work?
- Practice of speaking in tongues?
- Practice of demonic deliverances?
- Prayer for supernatural faith healing?
- Elder Rule polity in the church?
- Elder Led polity in the church?
- Commissioning women to mission field?
- Ordaining women to "gospel ministry"?
- Women in the office of Lead Pastor?
- Women with staff titles w/ word: pastor?
- Women working as paid church staff?
- Other?

Which of these would you say are Infallible and Inerrant?

- The original Heb./Grk. Scriptures?
- Copies of the original Scriptures?
- Language translations of Scripture?
- Creeds, Confessions & Catechisms?
- Founding denominational docs.?
- The Baptist Faith & Message?
- Personal interpretation of Scripture?

Which of these should be the litmus test re: the topics in the left margin?

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If errant documents are used as tests, how hardline should we be?

- Unmovably righteous in my beliefs?
- Humbly gracious and deferential *since "we see through a glass darkly?"* I Corinthians 13:12

Which of these statements are you aware of being actually true?

- SBC is really a voluntary association of churches, not a denomination.
- SBC membership is more about a shared mission, than a shared creed.
- SBC Baptist Faith & Message was never designed to be a creedal test. (*"We have no book but the Bible, and we have no creed but Christ!"*)
- SBC BF&M is a minimalist statement & general consensus of our beliefs.
- SBC does not police membership to insist on Fundamentalist uniformity.
- SBC is a big tent, amazingly diverse, and yet typically cooperative.
- SBC is far more about being gospel believers, than being "Baptistic."
- SBC honors strong, gifted women like Lottie Moon & Annie Armstrong.
- SBC has commissioned "**women in ministry**" in missions for over 100 yrs.

Re: "Women in Authority" and your personal application of I Tim. 2:12

(But I do not allow a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man)
which of the following applications violate that limitation in Scripture?

- Women serving in the authoritative office of Lead or Senior pastor?
- Staff women with delegated/limited authority w/ "pastor" in their title:
 - Teaching Pastor?
 - Executive Pastor?
 - Associate Pastor?
 - Campus Pastor?
 - Assistant Pastor?
 - Discipleship Pastor?
 - Worship Pastor?
 - Youth Pastor?
 - Children's Pastor?

Which definition of "pastor" should be used in assessing those titles?

Translation of *poimen* = "pastor" in Eph. 4; "shepherd" in rest of the NT

- Some in SBC: "pastor" = shepherd; nurturer; teacher; a role, not office
- Some in SBC: "pastor" = neutral moderator; limited authority; preacher
- Some in SBC: "pastor" = office of Senior or Lead Pastor with authority
- Some in SBC: "pastor" = office of elder; overseer (*episkopos; presbuteros*)