



INTRODUCTION

The variety of Baptists goes back to the 17th century English scene. Differences of opinion about the Bible and its interpretation led to the earliest categories, including the Seventh Day Baptists, who took the biblical question one step further than others. Baptists have had many names, like “churches of Christ,” “churches of the baptized way,” finally coming to be known simply as “Baptists.”

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Why are there so many varieties of “Baptists”?
2. What is the difference between General Atonement and Calvinistic Baptists?
3. How did North American Baptists imitate English Baptists?
4. Indicate how some Baptists transferred over from other denominations, and why?
5. What does it mean to be a “dissenter”?