

# The Origin and Beginnings of Baptists into Our Day: Over 100 Million worldwide after 400 Years

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## Presuppositions

### Roots

#### *Historical Roots:*

- Possible Beginnings.**
- Anabaptist Influence
- Baptist Separatists.

#### *Theological Roots:*

- Confessions of Faith**
- Calvinism vs. Arminianism.**

### Growth

#### *English Speaking World:*

- Great Awakenings.
- Modern Missionary Movement.

#### *Non-English Speaking World:*

- Europe.
- Africa
- India to Asia
- Latin & South America
- Caribbean
- Middle East

### Diversity / Unity

#### *Unity:*

##### **Baptist Acrostic:**

- Biblical authority (Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Autonomy of the local church (Matt. 18:15–17; 1 Cor. 6:1-3)
- Priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:5-9; 1 Timothy 5)
- Two ordinances (believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper) (Acts 2:41–47; 1 Cor. 11:23-32)
- Individual soul liberty (Romans 14:5–12)
- Separation of Church and State (Matthew 22:15–22)
- Two offices of the church (pastor-elder and deacon) (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1–2)

##### **Baptist Distinctives:**

- Soul freedom:** the soul is competent before God, and capable of making decisions in matters of faith without coercion or compulsion by any larger religious or civil body
- Church freedom:** freedom of the local church from outside interference, whether government or civilian (subject only to the law where it does not interfere with the religious teachings and practices of the church)
- Bible freedom:** the individual is free to interpret the Bible for himself or herself, using the best tools of scholarship and biblical study available to the individual
- Religious freedom:** the individual is free to choose whether to practice their religion, another religion, or no religion; Separation of church and state is often called the "civil corollary" of religious freedom

#### *Diversity:*

- Issues**
- Divisions**

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# **Entstehung und Anfänge der Baptisten bis heute!**

## **Über 100 Millionen weltweit nach 400 Jahren**

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Voraussetzungen

### ***Wurzeln***

#### ***Historische Wurzeln:***

- Mögliche Anfänge**
- Einflussmöglichkeiten der Wiedertäufern**
- Baptistische Separatisten**

#### ***Theologischen Wurzeln:***

- Glaubensbekenntnisse**
- Calvinismus vs Arminianismus**

### ***Wachstum***

#### ***Englisch sprechende Welt:***

- Die große Erweckungen**
- Moderne Missionarsbewegung**

#### ***Nicht-englisch-sprachige Welt:***

- Europa**
- Afrika**
- Indien zu Asien**
- Latein-und Südamerika**
- Karibik**
- Naher Osten**

### ***Vielfalt / Einheit***

#### ***Einheit:***

##### ***Baptistisches Acrostichon:***

- B**iblical authority (Biblischen Autorität; Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- A**utonomy of the local church (Autonomie der örtlichen Kirche; Matt. 18:15–17; 1 Cor. 6:1-3)
- P**riesthood of all believers (Priestertum aller Gläubigen; 1 Peter 2:5-9; 1 Timothy 5)
- T**wo ordinances (believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper) (Zwei Verordnungen; Acts 2:41–47; 1 Cor. 11:23-32)
- I**ndividual soul liberty (Individuelle Freiheit des Seelen; Romans 14:5–12)
- S**eparation of Church and State (Die Trennung von Kirche und Staat; Matthew 22:15–22)
- T**wo offices of the church (pastor-elder and deacon) (Zwei Dienststellen der Gemeinde; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1–2)

##### ***Baptistische Eigenarten:***

- Soul freedom:** (Soul Freiheit) the soul is competent before God, and capable of making decisions in matters of faith without coercion or compulsion by any larger religious or civil body
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#### ***Vielfalt:***

- Streitfragen**
- Abteilungen**

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