

# THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

(Instruction for proper church operation)

## Introduction

### Religious background

A very basic history of the evangelical church.

The church of the Apostles -Pentecost – late first century  
The Roman Catholic Church – mid/late first century – early 16<sup>th</sup> century  
Anabaptism (part of the protestant reformation) – early 16<sup>th</sup> century – present

A very basic history of the Baptist denomination in the U.S.

1823 – Primitive Baptists  
1845 – Southern Baptists  
1858 – Landmark Baptists  
1924 – World Baptist Fellowship and the American Baptist Association  
(In 1950 the Bible Baptist Fellowship broke away from WBF)  
1934 – The Sword of the Lord established  
1946 – Southwide Baptist Fellowship  
1907 – Northern Baptists  
1932 – GARBC  
1946 – Conservative Baptists

A very basic description of Baptist beliefs.

Bible is our sole authority for faith and practice  
Autonomy of the local church  
Priesthood of the believer  
Two offices: Pastor and deacon  
Individual sole liberty

Saved and baptized church membership  
Two ordinances: Baptism and communion  
Separation of church and state