

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

We are so frequently asked the question, what is the point of difference between the Free Baptist and the Reformed Baptist belief...

Free Baptist.

The following extract from the minutes of the Conference of 1887, shows the belief of the denomination on the doctrines of Justification and Sanctification...

JUSTIFICATION — SANCTIFICATION.

Gospel justification is the pardon of sin and acceptance with God. The sinner is at enmity with God. In justification he obtains reconciliation and peace.

Entire sanctification does not free us from manifold temptations and manifold errors of judgment and infirmities...

Reformed Baptist.

Declaration of Faith Rejustification, Regeneration and Sanctification, 1888-1902

I.—JUSTIFICATION.

The great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification, Acts 13:39; Rom. 8:1.

II.—REGENERATION.

Regeneration is an instantaneous change of the heart from a state of sin to a state of holiness, effected by the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth...

III.—SANCTIFICATION.

Sanctification denotes a consecration, or setting apart for the service of God, John 17:19, also an act of divine grace whereby we are made holy, or freed from sin...

These expressions mean that participation of the divine nature which excludes all original depravity, or inbred sin, from the heart and fills it with perfect love.

Sanctification begins when the principle of purity, viz., the love of God, is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit in the new birth.

But entire sanctification is that act of the Holy Spirit whereby the justified soul

is perfected in holiness, 2 Cor. 7:1; Jas. 1:4; 1 Thess. 5:23.

Justification delivers the believer from the guilt of sin.

Regeneration delivers the justified from the dominion of sin, Rom. 6:14

And entire sanctification delivers the regenerated from inbeing of sin, Rom. 6:6, 7.

Sanctification is perfected in the hearts of believers by the Holy Spirit, as the personal executive agent, Rom. 8:2; 2 Thess. 2:13...

Sanctification does not consist in the imputation to us of Christ's personal holiness, but is wrought in us as a second work of grace after conversion...

Entire sanctification does not free us from manifold temptations and manifold errors of judgment and infirmities...

Hence, entire sanctification is an act of divine grace whereby believers are made free from all sin, 1 Thess. 5:23; 1 John 1:7...

It is divinely imparted, not imputed, Rom. 8:14 and instantaneously received by faith in the atonement...

DOXOLOGY IN AN EMPTY FLOUR BARREL.

It is one thing to trust God when the flour barrel is full, when there is money in the bank to fall back on...

I heard the Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, say: "When I came to a place of testing where my faith was most needed..."

Only as we come to God's Word and plant our feet upon the promises, shall we find faith abiding in times of testing.

I know this to be true. I had often said it in public talks: "It takes real faith in God to be able to put your head in an empty flour barrel and sing the doxology."

I said, "What do you want me for?" She replied, "I want you to come out here and sing."

In the centre of the floor stood an empty flour barrel she had just dusted out.

"Now, my dear," said she "I have often heard you say one could put his head in an empty flour barrel and sing. Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

There was the empty flour barrel staring at me with open mouth: my pocket-book was as empty as the barrel; I was not on a salary, and knew of no money

that was coming in. I do not know that my wife enjoyed my preaching, but she was evidently bent on enjoying my practicing. I looked for my faith but could not find it...

I said, "I will put my head in and sing on one condition."

"What's that?" said my wife. "The condition that you will put your head in with me."

She consented; so we put our heads in and sang the long-metre doxology. I will not say what else we did, but we had a good time...

I have joined with a thousand voices in singing the grand old doxology; I have sung it in many a fine church building, also in the open air...

In days gone by we have trusted in a good salary, but that sometimes failed to materialize; we have trusted in a good committee, but they did not always know when rent was due...

There is board and lodging for anybody who will "trust in the Lord and do good." —H. B. Gibbud.

ETERNITY IN HELL.

Think of it my unsaved friend! Think of it backslider! Think of it church member engaged in worldliness!

Careless fathers and mothers and worldly-minded children, if you are not converted to God you will spend eternity in Hell.

Those who are impure in mind and heart, whose mouth is filled with "smut" and filth, who lie and deceive, stop! Seek God or you will spend eternity in Hell!

Let every sober, intelligent sinner consider this awful outcome of sinful life. If you wilfully continue in a course of sin, remember your final doom is a "lake of fire and brimstone"—eternity in hell!

Eternity in hell! Awful thought. "Escape for thy life!" —Sel.

WHAT TO READ.

If you have the "blues" read the twenty-seventh Psalm.

If your pocket-book is empty, read the thirty-seventh Psalm.

If people seem unkind, read the fifteenth chapter of John.

If you are all out of sorts, read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews.

If you are discouraged about your work, read the one hundred twenty sixth Psalm.

If you are losing confidence in men, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

If you can't have your own way in everything keep silent and read the third chapter of James.—Sel.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

JOHNNY'S QUANDARY.

Say, Mamma dear, why don't you smoke And spit and chew like Pa? If right for him it is for you, Now don't you think so, Ma?

He prays, "Oh Lord, do make me right, Yes, ever right and true." Now, does the Lord come down and help My Pa to smoke and chew.

Now, if he does, it must be right; Yes, right for me and you, How can Pa ever blame us, Ma, 'Tis more than I can see.

If I should smoke and chew like Pa, Would such men fill my pipe, And then kneel down and pray like this: "Help Johnny to be right?"

AN INCIDENT IN PERSONAL WORK.

As an encouragement and also as a warning to myself and others, will you permit me to mention an event that occurred some years ago...

This furnished a good opportunity to have a personal, face-to-face talk with them, and I soon found out that there was an open door to their hearts.

All three of the girls went to church that night, and, being associates, were all seated together. Before going to church that night, I prayed the Lord to bless the means and bring them to him that night.

The basis of the old-fashioned revival was agonizing, prevailing prayer. No wonder God sent mighty conviction on wicked men. Have you ever known of any tremendous conviction on sinners under a modern card-signing "revival?"—Sel.

stood by the bedside of both these girls and witnessed such wonderful triumphs of grace in death, as they expressed their gratitude for the interest myself and wife had taken in them.

And now, will you allow me to say, in conclusion, that although I am now gray with the years that have come and gone, I find my greatest joy in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

More than twenty years after Billy Bray had abandoned smoking he said, "God has just given me enough money to pay my way through life and nothing for the pipe."

SHUNNING REPROACH.

Not one preacher in ten thousand will ever suffer any reproach for preaching the gospel until he goes far enough to preach the destruction of the carnal mind...