

Thomas Strouse quote: “Every generation needs to be taught the truth. This fact is true relative to the family, society, or religion. Certainly this is the case for Baptists; every new generation of Baptists needs to be inculcated in the doctrine and history of Baptists. Unfortunately for Baptists, however, some generations have missed Baptist teaching and consequently many years pass without a continuous indoctrination in Baptist truth.”

- I. The Montanists
 - a. The leader – Montanus
 - b. The reasons for the movement
 - i. The drift toward ritualism
 - ii. The rise of the clergy class
 - iii. A lack of spirituality
 - iv. A laxity in discipline and church membership standards
 - c. The doctrines
 - i. Regenerate church membership
 - ii. Believer baptism
 - iii. Holiness of line
 - iv. Church discipline
 - v. Trinitarian theology
 - vi. Absolute authority of the bible
 - vii. Premillennial eschatology
- II. The Novations
 - a. The leader – Novation
 - b. The Novation schism
 - c. The doctrines
 - i. Purity of church membership
 - ii. Rigid church discipline
 - iii. Rebaptism of apostates
 - iv. Baptism by immersion on church authority
- III. The Donatists
 - a. The leader – Donatus
 - b. The Donatist schism
 - c. The doctrines
 - i. Church purity
 - ii. Separation of church and state
 - iii. Rebaptism of apostates by immersion
 - iv. Independency of churches

- v. Freedom of conscience
- IV. The Paulicians
 - a. Their origins
 - b. Notable leaders
 - i. Constantine
 - ii. Simeon
 - iii. Sergius
 - c. The doctrines
 - i. They originated with Christ
 - ii. Absolute authority of God's word
 - iii. Believer's baptism by immersion
 - iv. They believe in holy living
- V. Mediaeval Baptist Groups
 - a. The Catharist groups
 - i. The Cathari are first noted in Western Europe in the 11th and 12th century. They were called Puritans because of their holy lifestyle.
 - b. The Paterines
 - i. These were the remnants of the old Novation churches. The name means sufferer.
 - c. The Petrobrussians
 - i. Peter du Bruys was the leader and were called Petrobrussians by the catholics.
 - d. The Henricians
 - i. Henry of Lausanne, Switzerland was the leader. They were called Henricians by their enemies.
 - e. The Albigenses
 - i. This name is taken from the French town of Albi, which was a major center of Catharist activity.
 - f. The Waldenses
 - i. This name seems to derive from the Italian word Vaudois meaning valley and was applied because of the favored locations of these Bible believers.
 - g. The Anabaptists
 - i. The name means rebaptizer. They had many other names that were applied to them.
 - ii. Not all Anabaptists were true biblical Baptists.
 - iii. The origins of the Anabaptists
 - iv. The doctrines of the Anabaptists

v. Notable Anabaptist leaders

1. Conrad Grebel
2. Felix Manz
3. Balthasar Hubmaier
4. George Blaurock
5. Michael Sattler

vi. Persecution of Anabaptists

Recommended Reading List

1. Baptist Church Perpetuity – W. A. Jarrel
2. History of the Baptists – Thomas Armitage
3. A History of the Baptists – John Christian
4. Baptist History – J. M. Cramp
5. General History of the Baptists in America – David Benedict
6. The Story of Baptists in all Ages – Richard B. Cook
7. History of the Baptists – G. H. Orchard
8. America in Crimson Red – James Beller
9. The Anabaptist Story – William R. Estep
10. The Baptists – T.G. Jones
11. The Origin of the Baptists – S. H. Ford
12. Compendium of Baptist History – J. A. Shackleford