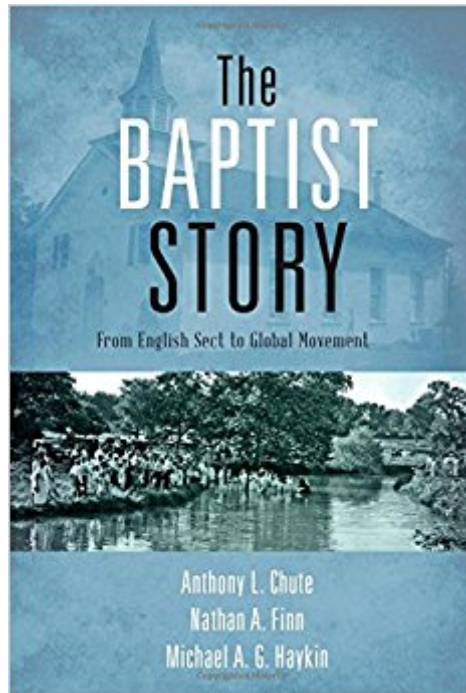




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# The Baptist Story: From English Sect To Global Movement



## Synopsis

The Baptist Story is a narrative history spanning over four centuries of a diverse group of people living among distinct cultures—on separate continents while finding their identity in Christ and expressing their faith as Baptists. Baptist historians Anthony Chute, Nathan Finn, and Michael Haykin highlight the Baptist transition from a despised sect to a movement of global influence. Each chapter includes stories of people who made this history so fascinating. Although the emphasis is on the English-speaking world, The Baptist Story integrates stories of non-English-speaking Baptists, ethnic minorities, women, and minority theological traditions, all within the context of historic, orthodox Christianity. This volume provides more than just the essential events and necessary names to convey the grand history. It also addresses questions that students of Baptist history frequently ask, includes prayers and hymns of those who experienced hope and heartbreak, and directs the reader's attention to the mission of the church as a whole. Written with an irenic tone and illustrated with photographs in every chapter, The Baptist Story is ideally suited for graduate and undergraduate courses, as well as group study in the local church.

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adopted for use in relevant college and seminary courses, as well as in church study groups. — James Patterson University Professor of Christian Thought & Tradition and Acting Dean, School of Theology & Missions, Union University

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This book is a helpful overview of the history and beliefs of Baptists. For those who have grown up as Baptists and desire to better understand their history, or those who align themselves with the historical teachings of the baptist church, this book offers a clear, concise look into the Baptist story. History offers an opportunity to learn, that we might not repeat our mistakes and that we might carry on our heritage handed down by faithful followers of Christ. I recommend this book as an addition to any Baptist's library as a tool to learn and grow in one's service to the kingdom of God and his bride, the Church.

This was a new book and the content was good, but the binding had glue all over the edges of the pages, making them hard to turn. The authors are not to blame for this but rather the printer.

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Chute, Finn, and Haykin trace the Baptist Movement from inception to the present with the right balance of detailed account, primary sources, and the broader context of the times. Baptists have a rich heritage, and this book goes a long way in helping a new generation uncover, or even recover, its Story.

Great history of the Baptist that goes into important details without boring the reader. Was encouraged by the stories and enjoyed the writing style of the author.

No blemishes.

Very good overview of Baptist history. I learned a lot of new things from it. This is a good textbook for this subject.

Excellent and accurate story of the separatist. Inclusive with contributions of black Baptist which is normally minimized in Baptist Heritage books.

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