
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE

BETWEEN THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES AND THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONVENTION?

The historic struggle in the twentieth century to preserve the Christian faith, as seen in Baptist circles, is more and more commanding the attention of the entire nation.

Baptists who desire to preserve their Baptist heritage and faith first struggled within the American Baptist Convention to rid it of modernism, unbelief, and an ecclesiastical machine. The Convention had grown in bureaucratic structure to such an extent that those who were dependent upon it in one way or another were sufficient to win the battle for the modernist-indifferentist coalition.

The battle was clearly lost and the separatist movement began to take shape. Under the leadership of a few fundamental Baptist pastors, including Dr. Robert T. Ketcham, the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches was formed in 1932, with 21 churches. Today there are approximately 1,000 churches. These 1,000 Regular Baptist Churches have been able to send out more missionaries to the foreign fields than the 7,000 churches in the American Baptist Convention. Baptist churches, because of their local autonomy, have been able to keep their local properties, while Convention leaders have moved to change that historic Baptist position.