

“Religious Liberty”

Sermon Notes (topical, Col 2:15-3:3)

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In our nation today we enjoy freedom of religion – but such freedom was not quite stable in the beginning. Baptists in particular fought hard to make sure Religious Liberty was properly defined and protected by our Federal Gov’t. What do Baptists now believe?

I. What is Religious Liberty?

a. 2 elements:

i. Government is not to:

ii. Religion is not to:

b. What it is not:

i. Freedom to i_____ Scripture as you wish.

ii. Admission to the e_____ of religions.

iii. Religious t_____.

II. The History of Religious Liberty.

a. Early settlements.

b. Later colonies and states.

c. Virginia in particular.

d. U.S.

III. Why is Religious Liberty important?

a. The G_____.

b. W_____.

c. E_____.