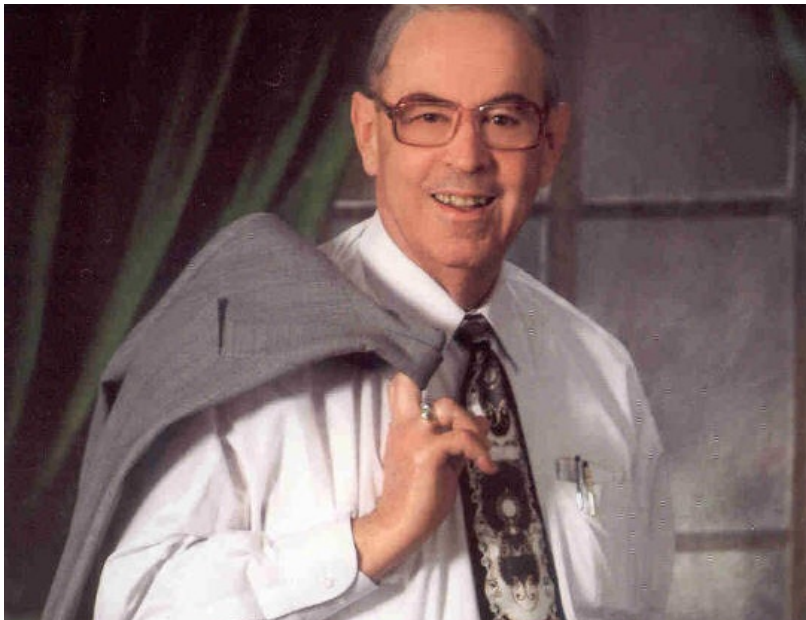


Contemporary Or Baptist



BAPTIST, as I was taught,
stood for:

B Bible Authority, KJV

A Autonomy of the local
church

P Priesthood of the
Believer

T Two ordinances:
Baptism and the Lord's
Supper

I Individual Soul Liberty

S Saved and Baptized

T Two Offices: Pastor and
Deacon

S Separated: Personally,
and the Church from the
State.

I don't mind your church being a Rock and Roll church. It is none of my business what our local contemporary churches do or teach, but it is OKAY to be shocked when a Baptist church acts like a contemporary church.

"C's" that identify churches:

- **Casual** - That is a word that has always been associated with complacent, worldly churches. We wear our Sunday best! Dr. Hyles (pictured above) was always a notch above the average even in his casual dress.
- **Critical** - The world's churches have always been critical of old-fashioned ideas, but today the same criticism is common in Baptist circles as well.
- **Conviction** - Music, dress, dating, movies -- Baptists used to preach on these things.
- **Contemporary** - Our Baptist brethren have always been old-fashioned or considered out-dated.
- **Convenient** - There is nothing convenient about a cross. Bible-believing churches have always taught a life-style of self-denial, not convenience.
- **Change** - As I have dealt with elsewhere at length, change has no place in the church. We were given direction to teach "the same." (2 Timothy 2:2)