

Minutes of ordination of Elder Martin Onyoni

The undersigned Presbytery responding to a call from Dar Es Salaam Primitive Baptist church of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and being assembled on the 20th day of July 2008 to examine the gifts and qualifications of Brother Martin Onyoni for the purpose of ordaining him to the office of Elder proceeded as follows:

1. A. Asked if Presbytery was satisfied with the Presbytery. Response: Yes
B. Asked if the Church was satisfied with the Presbytery. Response: Yes
C. Asked if the Candidate was satisfied with the Presbytery. Response: Yes
2. By motion and second and affirmative vote appointed Elder Vernon Johnson to be the moderator of the Presbytery.
3. By motion and second and affirmative vote, elder Vernon was to appoint the various offices.
4. Elder Johnson appointed Elder Paul Blair to be the clerk of the Presbytery.
5. Elder Johnson appointed Elder Sam Bryant to question the Spokesman of the Church, Brother Charles Kenyanjui, and the Candidate Brother Martin Onyoni.
6. Elder Sam Bryant questioned brother Charles Kenyanjui as to the moral character and Christian behavior of Brother Martin Onyoni referenced in 1 TIM 3:1-7. Brother Charles affirmed that Brother Martin meets the scriptural qualifications, moral character and Christian behavior required to be an Elder.
7. Asked the spokesman for the church, Brother Charles Kenyanjui to seat brother Martin Onyoni.
8. Next, Elder Sam Bryant , the interrogator, proceeded to question Brother Martin Onyoni as follows:

Brother Martin Onyani's answers are provided by a brief summary of each.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about the Trinity?

Answer: The Bible says there is one God in 3 persons, and these three are one. He referenced 1JOHN 5: 7. He is an unchangeable God Who cannot lie, and quickens the dead.

Question: Do you believe that the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice?

Answer: God gave us the King James Version which was inspired by God. He referenced 2 TIM 3: 16. It is what he authorized us to use, so be careful to buy bibles that are King James Version as they are uncorrupted. They are available in all languages.

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Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Total Depravity?

Answer: The Bible is clear about total depravity. God created man in His own image and gave him **one** commandment, and by his own free will, Adam broke the law of God and fell in sin, so all have fallen in sin. He referenced ROM 5: 12. Natural men are born sinners.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Election and Predestination?

Answer: The bible says God chose a people before the foundation of the world and was not based on our works, but by His Grace (referenced EPH 1: 4) . God chose you and me before the world began and adopted you into his family from Adam's family. Election is based on Grace alone.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Limited Atonement?

Answer: The Bible says that His people He chose, He predestinated, called, justified, and glorified them and was accomplished by the death of Christ as he saved us from our sins by shedding His blood. So they have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, not by the blood of bulls, goats, or sheep.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about the New Birth?

Answer: The Bible says the new birth comes about by the spirit of God. In John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and he inquired of Him how a man could be born when he is old. He read JOHN 3: 3-6 and paraphrased verses 7-8 in that we only can see the leaves move to know the wind is blowing. God sends His Spirit where He pleases and we see the effects of the Spirit.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about the Resurrection of the Elect and Non-Elect?

Answer: Some think when we die that we go to Purgatory. Then he read 1 THESS 4: 13-14. This tells us that He will bring us up when He comes back the second time. Then he read verses 15-17. Those who died with Him will be risen with Him when He comes back and be changed into glorious bodies. The non-elect will be delivered to Hell which was prepared for the devil and his angels.

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Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Baptism and the Lord's Supper?

Answer: We have two ordinances in the church – Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We cannot partake of the second before we take of the first one. You must be baptized by a proper elder after showing proper fruits of repentance. Being baptized is the answer of a good conscience that Jesus died for your sins (Acts 2: 41-47) and that is required for partaking the Lord's Supper. The blood of Christ is represented by the wine, and the body of Christ being undefiled is represented by the unleavened bread. Luke 22: 15-20.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Foot washing?

Answer: first he read John 13: 12 – 13. Foot washing is an example given to us by Christ. Then Read John 13: 12-15. Christ was teaching us that we should not be masters over others – but humble ourselves before one another. Then he read verse 16-17. So when we wash feet, we show an example of Jesus Humbling Himself – so we should do the same.

Question: Will you please tell us what you believe about Eternal Salvation and Salvation in Time?

Answer: The Bible says Eternal Salvation is by Grace alone which we did not deserve. It was a Gift. Time Salvation is what we work for. If we obey Him we will live a happy life. If we do not, we will live in trouble. He spoke about various verses distinguishing the difference. Not all of God's Elect will be saved here in time because as sinful creatures by Adam – we are prone to sin.

9. By motion and second agreed that Brother Onyoni was qualified for the office of Elder and agreed to proceed with the ordination by unanimous vote in the affirmative.
10. Elder Obey Ndalima was appointed by Elder Vernon Johnson to offer the ordination prayer.
11. By motion and second and affirmative vote appointed Elders Vernon Johnson and Obey Ndalima to deliver the charge.
12. Elder Obey Ndalima offered the ordination prayer which was accompanied by the Spirit, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery followed this.
13. By motion and second and affirmative vote, the presbytery declared that Brother Martin Onyoni to be an ordained Elder set apart for the work of the Elder.
14. The Church Spokesman seated Sister Annah beside her husband.

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15. Elder Vernon Johnson delivered his charge from 2 TIM 4, where he took each division of the charge singly and spoke about each one. One of the strongest points was to give attendance to reading where he stated that we do this to get knowledge; we study for understanding; and we meditate to apply the word in our preaching. Judgement belongs to God. Preach the Word. Study to show thyself approved unto God. Be instant in season and out of season. Reprove. Rebuke. Exhort with all longsuffering, encourage the people – they need it. Cry out as a watchman when false teachings start. Endure afflictions. Do the work of an evangelist. Make full proof of thy ministry. He also charged Sister Annah to be supportive of her husband, and that sometimes women have knowledge of issues that he may not know about.
16. Elder Obey Ndalima delivered his charge from his experience mostly, and stated that he had been charging brother Martin for about one and a half years. He charged Brother Martin that being a Pastor is not an easy job. Members are stubborn, but God will give you wisdom. He has no doubt that God has called him to preach. He also charged Sister Annah that this was a hard work for her husband and that she knows what food he likes to eat, and what clothes he likes to wear – take care of him for his work is difficult. Brother Martin, your job is to preach the Word, not politics. To preach you must study. Then he talked about enduring through persecutions. Then he related his own experience in his ordination, and charged brother Martin that, "We trust you to take the Gospel to Kenya".
17. By motion and second and affirmative vote the Presbytery approved the reading of the minutes.
18. By motion and second and affirmative vote, the Presbytery dissolved itself and returned Elder Martin Onyoni to the Church as an ordained Elder.

Signed:

Moderator Vernon Johnson (Elder)

Clerk Paul Blom (Elder)

Elders:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

To whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned Elders and Deacons of the Primitive Baptist Church, at the request of Dar Es Salaam Primitive Baptist Church of Tanzania, met with them on 20 July 2008 at Kisii, Kenya for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Martin Onyoni to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

After carefully examining Brother Onyoni, we found him to be sound in doctrine and orderly in his walk, and to possess the Scriptural qualifications of an Elder. We then proceeded to set him apart to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands; and we hereby certify to his full authority to administer the ordinances of the Church and to serve the Church in any capacity which the Bible authorizes, where God, in His providence, may cast his lot, and where providence may dictate, and we pray God's blessings to attend his labors in the Gospel.

The Church, the Presbytery, and the candidate hold to the doctrine that God did, before time, personally and unconditionally choose in His Son a portion of the human race to be heirs of eternal glory, and predestinated them to be conformed to the image of His Son—but deny that God predestinated sin; that the atonement is special and for the elect only; that all the elect will be regenerated in time by the direct and immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the heart; that the saints will be preserved in Christ by grace to glory; that the Lord's children enjoy blessings in obedience in this life, which cannot be enjoyed otherwise; that baptism is by immersion, and children of God are the only proper subjects; that the observance of the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet are to be observed in the Church until his second coming; the resurrection of the dead at the last day—the children of God to be raised to eternal life, happiness and glory, and the unregenerated to be raised to eternal punishment. If the brother should depart from these principles, then these credentials are thereby nullified and made null and void.

Done and signed this 20th Day of July 2008

ELDERS

Elder Sam Byat
Elder Vernon Johnson
Elder Obey Adelias
Elder Paul Biles

DEACONS

