

# Church History Literacy

## Baptist Expansion in America

### Lesson 83

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**“Baptist”**  
Where did  
that label  
come from?

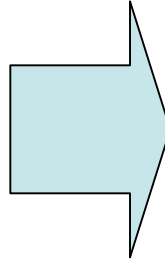


Many are  
now proud  
of the label,  
but it was  
originally  
derogatory



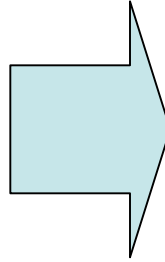
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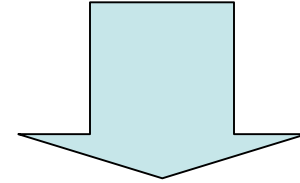


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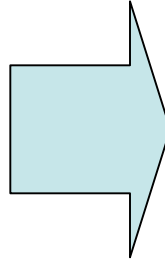


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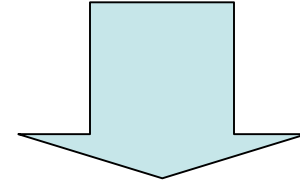


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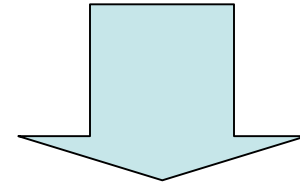
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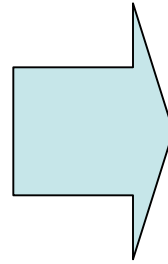
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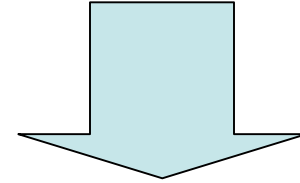
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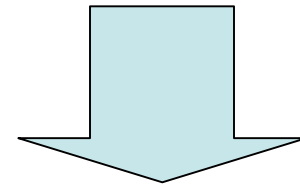
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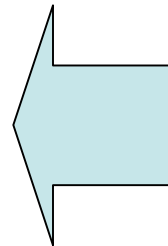
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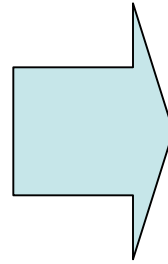
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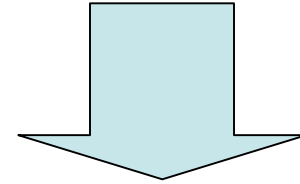
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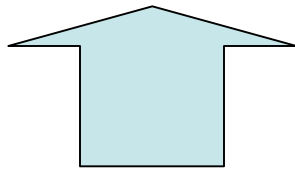
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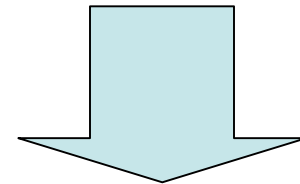


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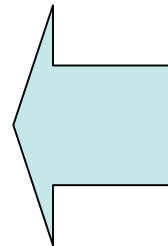


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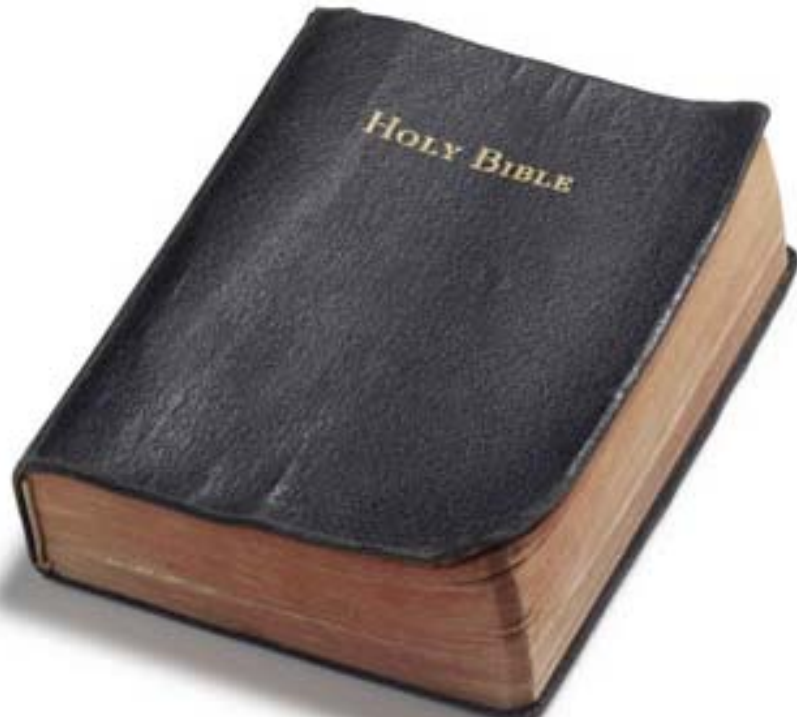


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So what  
makes a  
Baptist a  
Baptist?



# 1. The absolute authority of scripture





2. Infant baptism is contrary to scripture and inadequate for church membership



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3. Church  
membership  
belongs only to  
the saved



4. Salvation is a personal issue of faith and cannot be forced on anyone





5. Baptism  
should be by  
immersion

# Baptism and history



Baptism is a  
New  
Testament  
practice of  
adults



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changes with  
succeeding  
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The Baptists  
took issue  
with this  
practice













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United  
States in  
the 1600's





**CARO-  
LINA**

The Eastern  
United  
States in  
the 1600's





The Eastern  
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**MARYLAND**

**VIRGINIA**

**CAROLINA**

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# The Eastern United States in the 1600's



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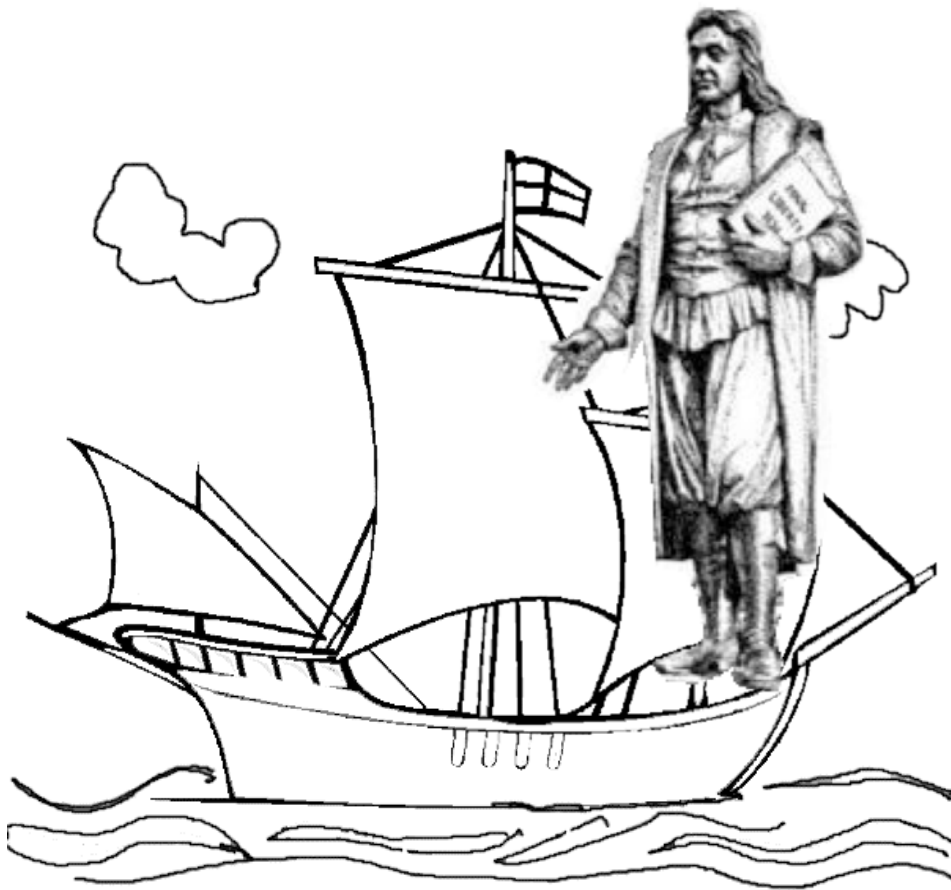
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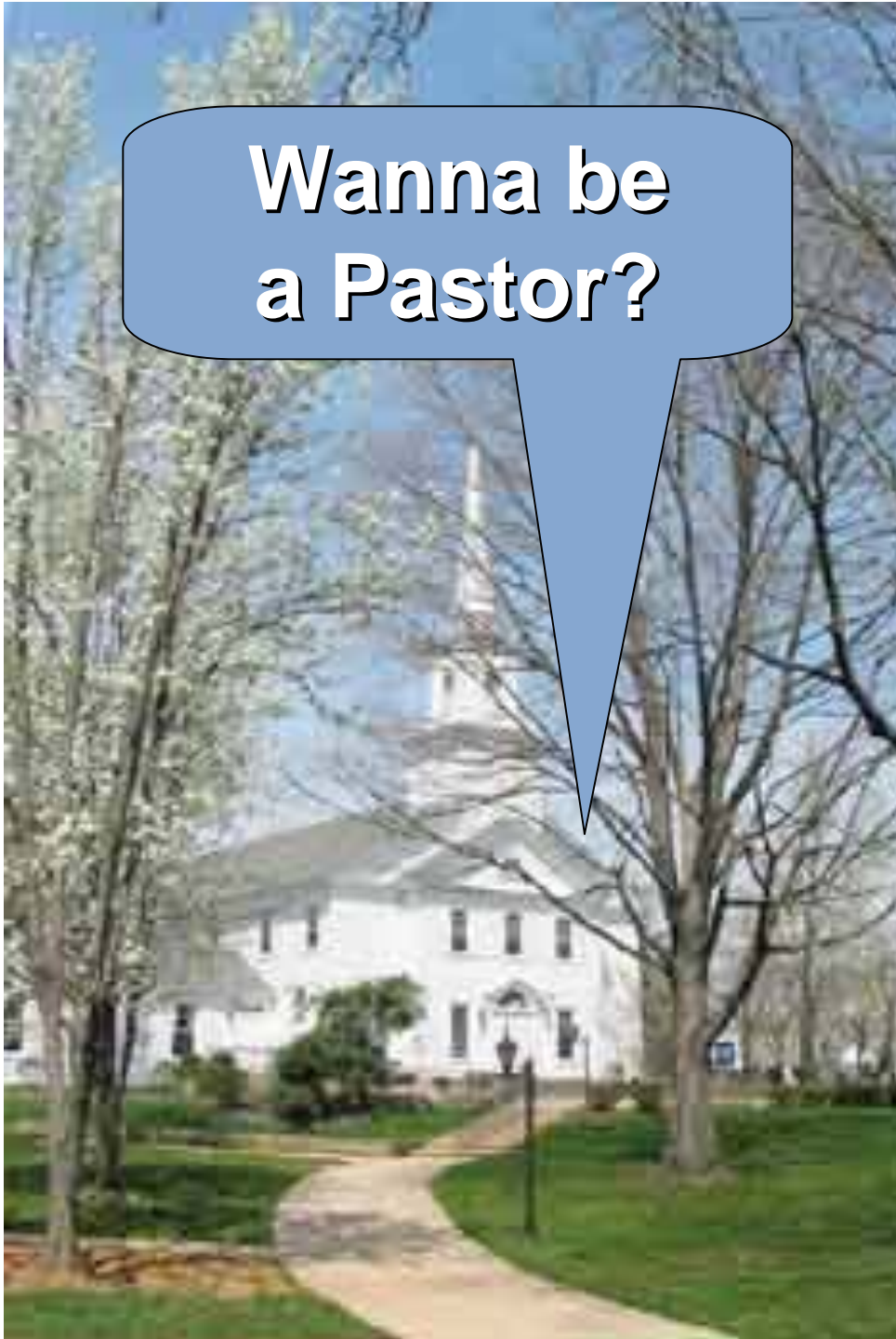
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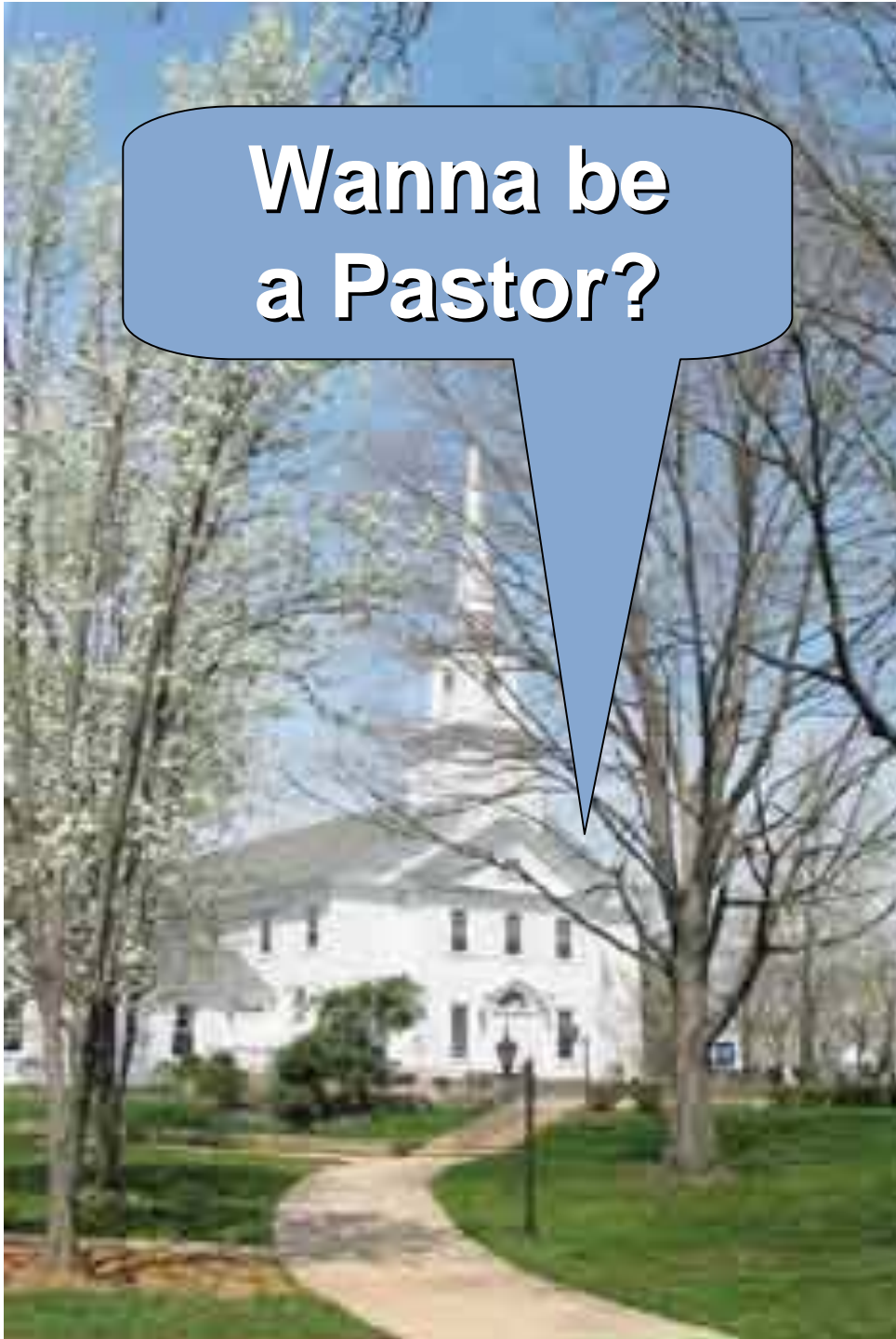


Williams fled  
England in  
1630 for  
Boston

**Wanna be  
a Pastor?**



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**Not at Satan's  
Church**





Kwai

Williams  
picks up the  
Indian  
language  
while working  
in Plymouth



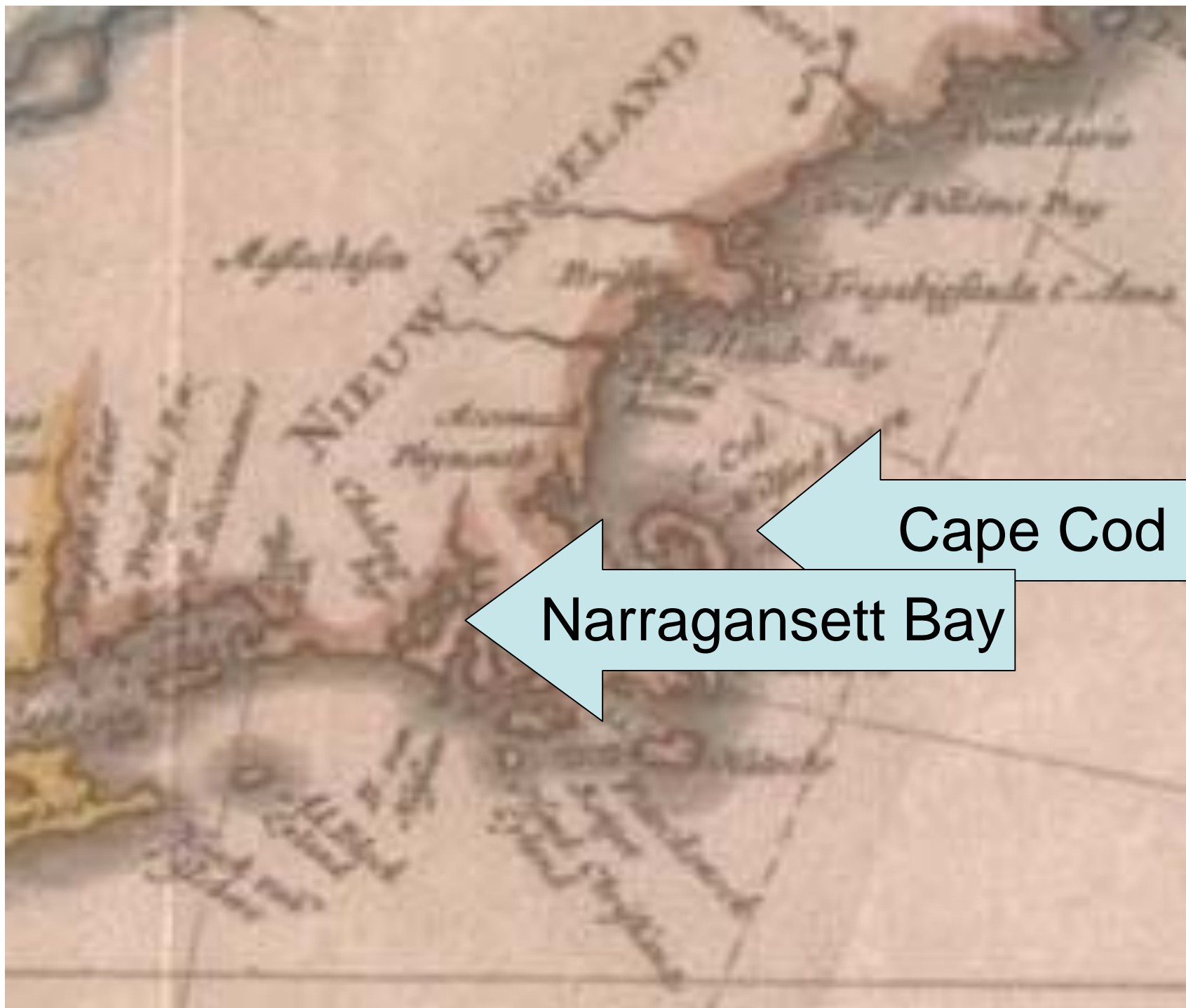
# Williams later buys land from the Indians around Narragansett Bay







Cape Cod





Williams  
believed in full  
religious  
liberty

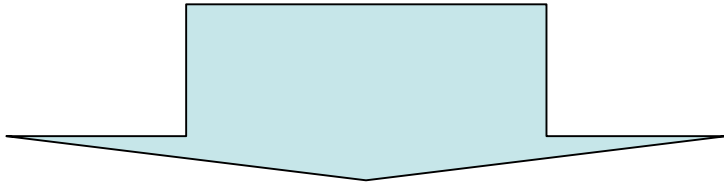


Is the religion of Jesus Christ so poor and so weak and so feebly grown, so cowardly and base, that neither the soldiers nor commanders in Christ's army have any courage or skill to withstand sufficiently in all points a false teacher, a false prophet, a spiritual cheater or deceiver?

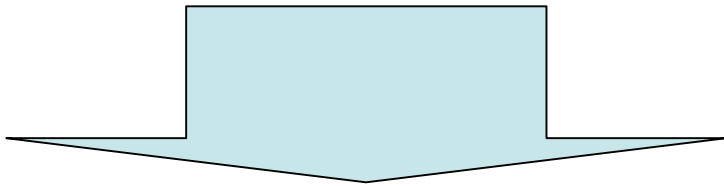


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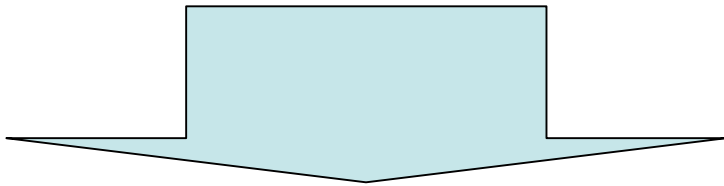




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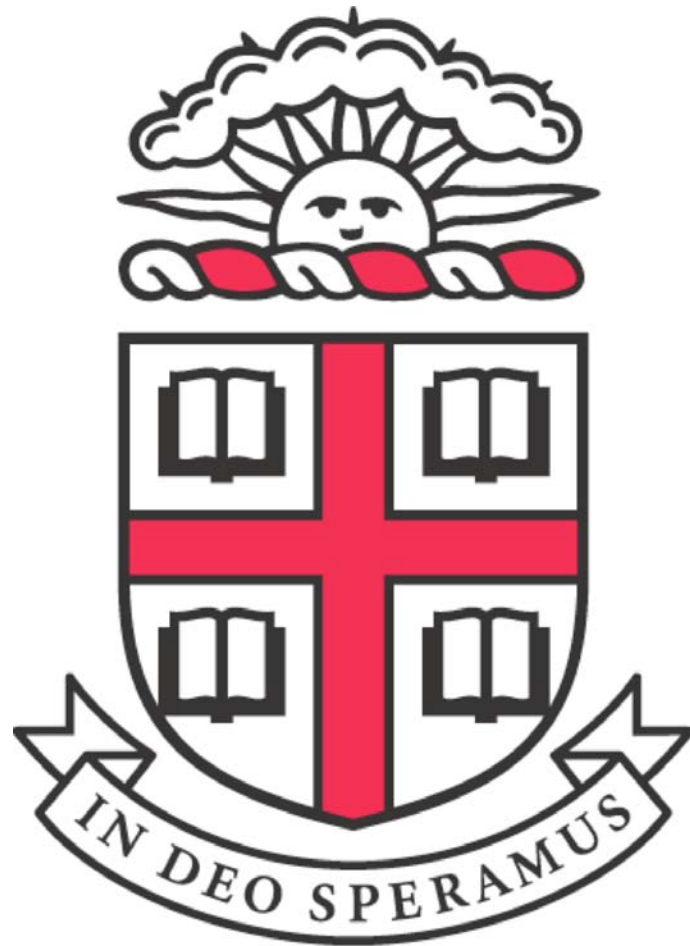
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William's town takes the name  
Providence and his territory  
becomes Rhode Island

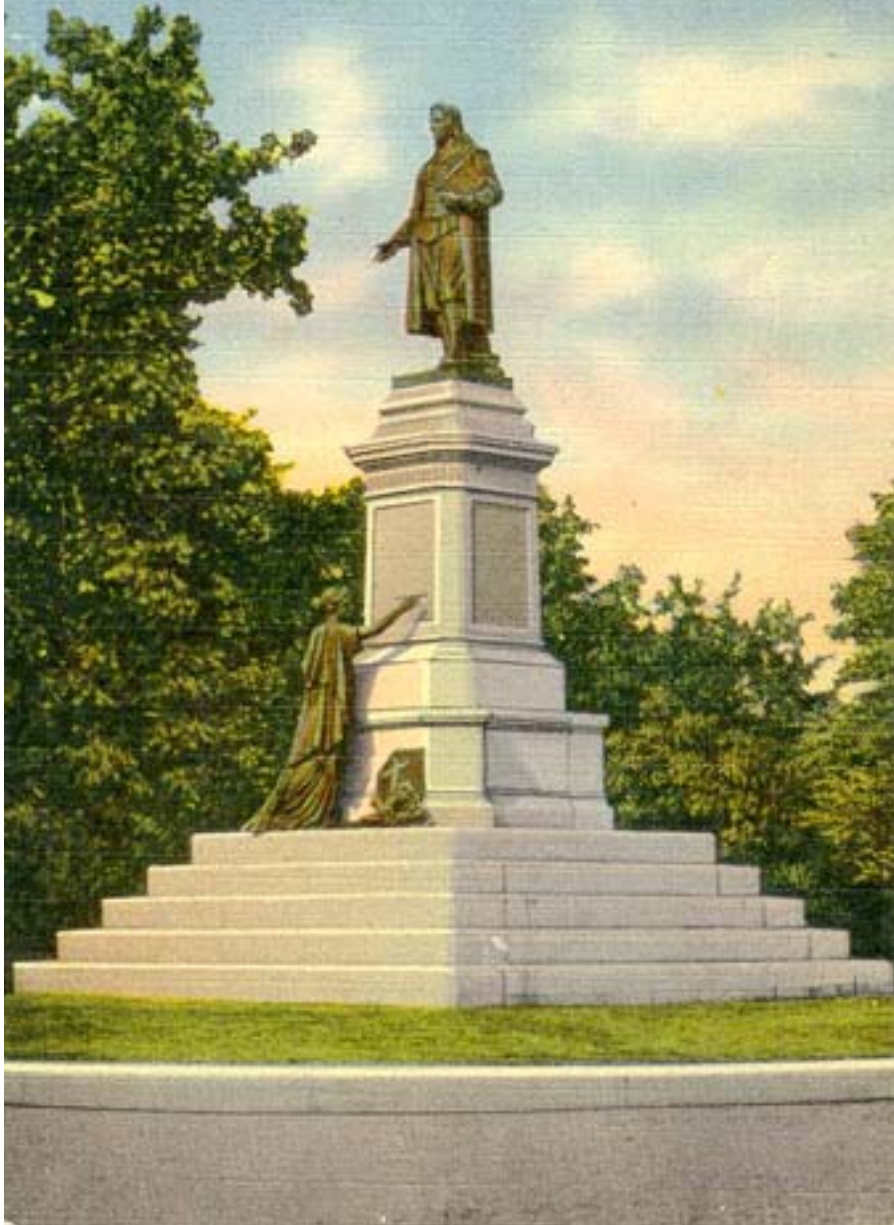






The Ivy League  
School started  
by Baptists in  
the Northeast?

Statue of Roger Williams "Founder of Providence".  
Roger Williams Park, Providence, R. I.



Williams dies  
away from  
church, but his  
place in history  
is secure



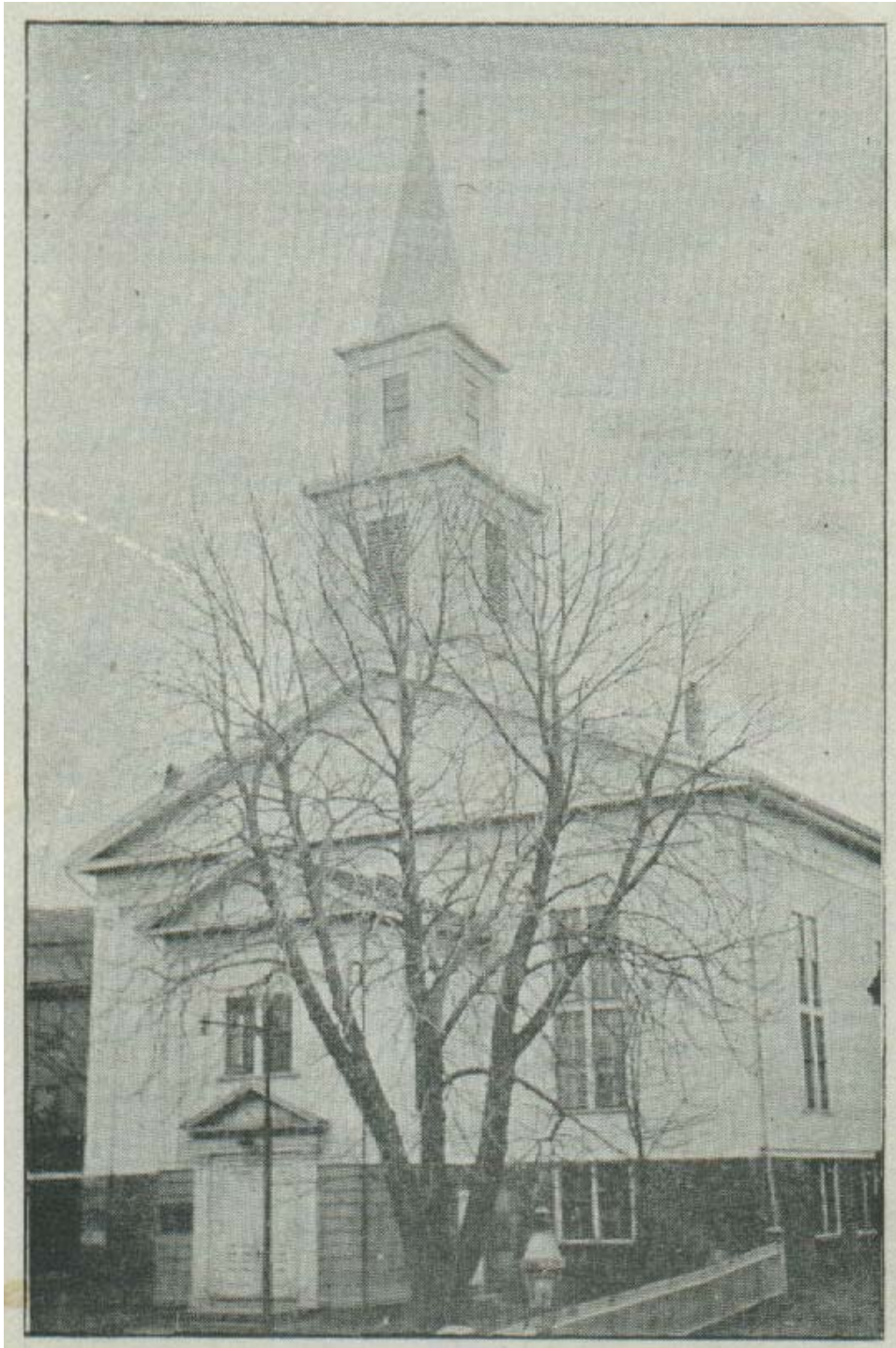
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Nelson Rockefeller



John Clarke  
was another  
who found  
trouble in  
Massachusetts





Clarke started  
the Baptist  
Church in  
Newport  
around 1640  
to 1645



# Henry Dunster and Massachusetts



Dunster leaves  
his job and  
eventually  
Massachusetts

Fast forward 100 years ...





Fast forward 100 years ...  
a “Baptist tax!”





In Virginia, the  
Baptists are  
organized





# The Constitution

We the People

of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this CONSTITUTION for the United States of America.

## Article I.

SECTION 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty-five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

[Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons.] The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall chuse their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

SECTION 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have one Vote.

Immediately after the first Meeting of the Senate, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the first Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the second Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the third Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and when Vacancies happen, the Executive of any State, the Executive thereof may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been nine Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless the Senate be equally divided.

The Senate shall chuse their other Officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the Absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the Office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

The Baptist John Leland gets  
us a Constitution!





Then the  
Baptists get us  
the First  
Amendment!

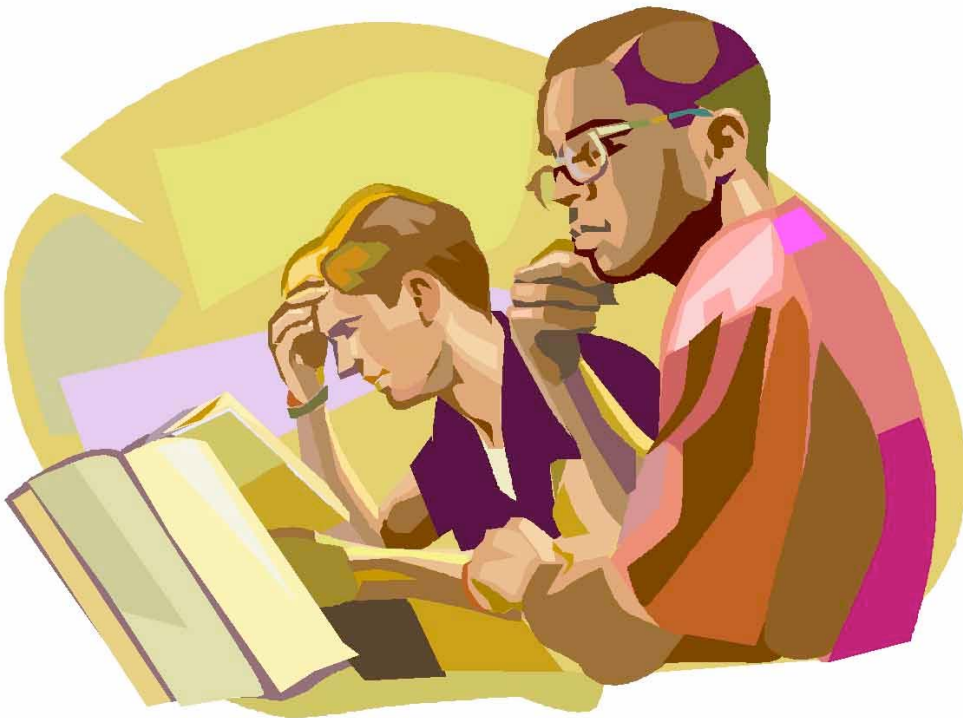


# Points for Home:

## Study!

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Tim. 2:15



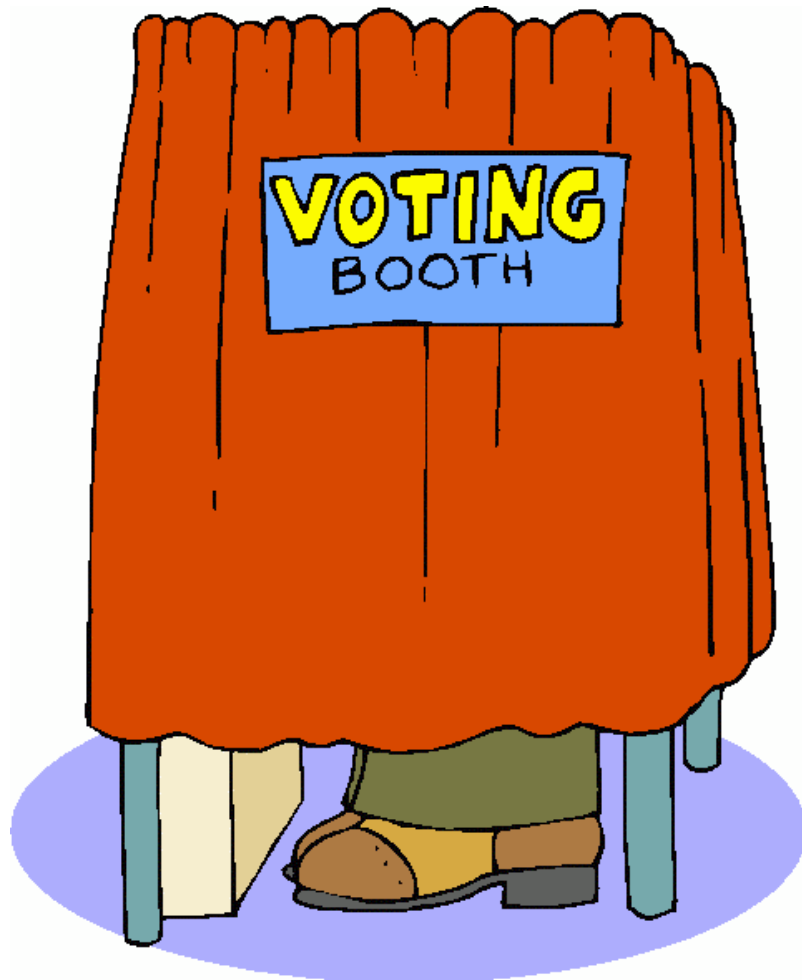
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## Find heroes of the faith

“Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.” Phil. 3:15

# Points for Home:



Take seriously  
our role in our  
democracy

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked..” Luke 12:48