

BEFORE 1727

I was recently invited to visit a Baptist revival and, since Aquila and Priscilla visited a synagogue, I went and was kindly welcomed. Before the revival began, I read from the Foreword of a well-worn hymnal (“REJOICE! The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book”) which said “Free Will Baptists have always been a people of song. From our 1727 beginning, we have delighted in offering praise to God.” Notice that according to this hymnal, before 1727 there were no Free Will Baptists, thus no Free Will Baptist Church existed. Before 1727, God already revealed the gospel (Acts 8:25), His offer of salvation (Rom. 1:16), Jesus’ blood (Rev. 1:5), Christians (Acts 11:26), the church (Acts 2:47), etc.

If we need no new kind of gospel, blood, or grace, why did the people of 1727 need a new kind of church? Can you or your preacher explain? If so, we would be willing to listen to your or his explanation. Could we be united if we taught about Jesus’ gospel, blood, salvation, and church? By this, God will make us all of the same mind and judgment (1 Cor. 1:10). The unity of Christ is our goal (Jn. 17:20-21), is it yours? **WWW.QVCOC.COM**