



ECCLESIOLOGY: THE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH  
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## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. The Meaning of 'Ecclesia'

1. A "Called Out Assembly"
2. Used Generally in Literature of Purposeful Group
3. Used Specifically in the New Testament of Believers in Messiah

### B. New Testament Usage

1. Total Usage
2. Division of Usage
3. Categories of Usage

## II. THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

### A. Definition

### B. Its Beginning

### C. Its Composition

### D. Its Foundation

### E. Its Purpose

## F. Several Symbolic Illustrations

1. The Vine and the Branches – John 15:1-16
2. Cornerstone and the Stones of the Building – Eph. 2:19-22
3. Head and Body – I Cor. 12:12-31
4. Bridegroom and Bride – Eph. 5:25-33

## G. Its Destiny

### III. THE LOCAL CHURCH

#### A. Definition

#### B. Its Purpose and Meeting

1. Teaching of Scriptures and Discipling Believers
2. Singing Worship
3. Giving Worship
4. Group Prayer
5. Observance of the Ordinances
6. Exercise of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
7. Carrying out Discipline
8. Sending out Missionaries
9. Providing for the Needy
10. To Glorify God

#### C. Church Government

1. National Church
2. Hierarchical or Episcopalian
3. Congregational

4. Federal or Presbyterian
5. The Biblical Form

#### D. Church Organization and Leadership

1. The Fact of Organization
  - a. Stated Meetings
  - b. Officers
  - c. Discipline
  - d. Contributions
  - e. Letters and Communications
  - f. Decorum and Order was expected
2. Elders
  - a. Terms Used of the Office
    - (1) Elder
    - (2) Bishop
    - (3) Pastor
  - b. Number
  - c. Duties of Elders
    - (1) To feed and pastor the flock
    - (2) To guard right doctrine
    - (3) To oversee and rule
    - (4) To pray for and anoint the sick
  - d. Qualifications

(1) I Timothy 3:1-7

(2) Titus 1:6-9

e. Appointment

f. Reward

### 3. Deacons

a. Nature of the Office

b. Number

c. Duties

d. Qualifications – I Tim. 3:8-10, 12

e. Appointment

f. Reward

### 4. Deaconesses

a. Nature of the Office

b. Qualifications – I Tim. 3:11

### 5. Responsibility of the Congregation to the Elders and Deacons

a. I Corinthians 16:15-16

b. I Thessalonians 5:12-13

c. I Timothy 5:17-19

d. I Peter 5:5-6

e. Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24

## E. Ordinances

### 1. Definitions

a. Sacrament

- b. Ordinance
- 2. Qualification of an Ordinance
- 3. Number of Ordinances
- 4. Necessity of Observance
- 5. Baptism
  - a. Meaning
  - b. Qualification as an Ordinance
  - c. Formula
  - d. The Mode of Baptism
    - (1) Arguments for Sprinkling or Pouring
    - (2) Arguments for Immersion
      - (a) 'Baptizo' means immerse, other words for pouring/sprinkle
      - (b) 'Immerse' is normal meaning of "into" and "out of"
      - (c) Messiah Yeshua was baptized this way
      - (d) Immersion is the illustration of Romans 6:3-5
      - (e) Proselytes to Judaism were required to be immersed
      - (f) Immersion was the practice of the Apostolic/Earliest Church
  - e. The Subjects of Baptism
    - (1) Infant Baptism
      - (a) Reasons
      - (b) Arguments For
      - (c) Arguments Against

- (2) Believer's Baptism
- f. Baptism and Salvation
- 6. The Lord's Supper
  - a. Meaning
    - (1) Transubstantiation
    - (2) Consubstantiation
    - (3) Spiritual Presence
    - (4) Memorial
  - b. Scripture on the Lord's Table
  - c. Names for the Ordinance
  - d. Qualifications as an Ordinance
  - e. Purposes
  - f. Frequency
  - g. The Mode
  - h. Pre-Requisites
  - i. Dangers – I Cor. 11:29-31

## F. Church Discipline

- 1. Necessity and Categories Requiring Discipline
- 2. The Procedure
- 3. Forms of Discipline
- 4. Practice of Discipline
- 5. Attitudes in Discipline
- 6. Effects of Discipline

- a. On the Individual
- b. On the Local Church

## G. The Sabbath and Sunday

- 1. The Sabbath
- 2. Sunday

## H. Giving

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Principles in Giving
- 3. The Amount for Giving
  - a. The Old Testament Principle
    - (1) The Tithe in the Law
    - (2) Storehouse Tithing
    - (3) The Tithe in the New Testament
    - (4) The Case of Abraham
  - b. The New Testament Principle
    - (1) The Principle
    - (2) I Corinthians 16:1-2
  - c. The Distinction
- 4. The Recipients of Giving

## I. The Role of Women in the local Congregation

- 1. The Principle of Subjection
- 2. The Question of Silence

3. The Question of Teaching
  - a. I Timothy 2:11-14
  - b. Titus 2:3-5
4. The Issue of the Head Covering - I Corinthians 11:2-16
  - a. The Principle of Headship
  - b. The Principle of Gender Distinctions – 11:3-15
  - c. The Question: Culture Dependant or Timeless Commands”
  - d. The Application of the Principles

#### J. The Meeting of the Church

1. Elements
2. Definition



## RELATIVE ROLES OF MEN & WOMEN IN THE CONGREGATION

### A. Illustrative Principle: Voluntary Submission

1. First Corinthians 11:3
2. Equal in Essence – Different in Function

### B. Parameters – 1st Tim. 2:11-12

1. Men are to be Elders, Women are not
2. Men are to be the Teachers, Women are not

### C. Reasons for Parameters – 1st Tim. 2:13-14

1. The order of Creation
2. The consequences of the Creation order

### D. God's Design – 1st Tim. 2:15

1. What is “saved/preserved” NOT??
2. God's design

### E. Additional Principles & Questions.

1. Silence? – 1st Cor. 14:34-35 (Not absolute: 1st Cor. 11:5)
2. Headcovering