



## 1. The “Organized” Church??

### A. Against It...

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

### B. For It...

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

## 2. The “Self-Organized” Church??

### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Churches

- 1)
- 2)

### B. The Problem of \_\_\_\_\_

- 1)
- 2)

## 3. The Leadership of Christ

### A. Christ \_\_\_\_\_

- 1)
- 2)

### B. Earthly Leaders are \_\_\_\_\_

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

## 4. Sanctioned Church Leaders

A. Lots of Extra-Biblical \_\_\_\_\_

B. Only Two \_\_\_\_\_ Tiers

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## 5. Important Vocabulary

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# 1. The “Organized” Church?

## A. Against It...

- 1) The “Spiritualizers”
- 2) The “Mavericks”
- 3) The “Home-Churchers”

## B. For It...

- 1) Jesus Christ (**Mt.23:1-3; 16:18-19**)
- 2) The Apostles (**Ac.14:21-23; 1Cor.5:12**)
- 3) The Holy Spirit (**1 & 2 Tim. & Titus**)



## 2. The “Self-Organized” Church?

### A. The Establishment of Churches

1) Commissioned (**Ac.13:2-4; 14:21-23**)

2) Ordained Leaders (**Mt.16:18; 1Ti.4:14**)

### B. The Problem of Self-Appointment

1) Re: Authority (**Mt.23; Rom.13; 1Pt.2**)

2) Jesus’ Promise to Discipline (**Rev.2-3**)



# 3. The Leadership of Christ

## A. Christ Leads True Churches

1) He's the Boss (**Col.1:15-20**)

2) We Obey Him (**Col.1:21-23**)

## B. Earthly Leaders are Delegates

1) Serving THE Leader (**Col.1:23-25**)

2) Relaying His Word (**Col.1:25-29**)

3) Showing How to Follow Christ

(**Heb.13:7**)



## 4. Sanctioned Church Leaders

### A. Lots of Extra-Biblical Confusion

- *Rector, Vicar, Nun, Monk, Abbot, Cardinal, Pope, Cleric, Clergy, Director, Committee, Board, Chairman*

### B. Only Two Biblically Sanctioned Tiers

- 1) **Pastors** (AKA Elders, Overseers)
- 2) **Ministry Leaders** (AKA Deacons)



# 5. Important Vocabulary

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*Titus 1:7*

*For an **episkopos**, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain,*

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# 5. Important Vocabulary

## B. *Poimen*

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*Jeremiah 3:15*

*And I will give you  
**poimen (LXX)** after my own  
heart, who will feed you with  
knowledge and  
understanding.*

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# 5. Important Vocabulary

## C. *Presb*

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3) Key

4) Some

*1 Timothy 5:19*

*Do not admit a charge  
against an **presbuteros**  
except on the evidence of two  
or three witnesses.*

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## 5. Important Vocabulary

### D. All Three Terms Refer to the Same Office

#### 1) Acts 20:17, 28

*Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the **presbuteros** of the church to come to him. ... Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the **flock (poimnion)**, in which the Holy Spirit has made you **episkopos**, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*



# 5. Important Vocabulary

## D. All Three Terms Refer to the Same Office

### 2) 1 Peter 5:1-2

*So I exhort the **presbuteros** among you, as a fellow **presbuteros** and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: **poimen** the flock of God that is among you, exercising **episkopos**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;*





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