

L22 | Divine Institutions | Institution of the Church | 1 Tim. 3:14-16

I. Intro/Review:

- Institution of Business
- Institution of Marriage
- Institution of Family
- Institution of Government
- Institution of Work

- Business impacts every other institution because we are held accountable and will give an account
- Government and Family point to an eternal and divine government and family in Christ

- Restrain Evil
 - God-consciousness - conscience
 - Marriage - parenting - rod of correction
 - Government - sword
 - Church - the word of God

II. Preview:

- The Church
 - Similarities
 - Differences

- The Body of Christ
 - Macro-structure
 - Micro-structure

- Roles
 - You
 - Those that rule over you

III. Sermon:

- **The Church**
 - Definition - "ekklesia" {translated - "church" (115x); "assembly" (3x)}
 - Gathering of people called out (assembly)

 - The Church of God (1 Cor. 1:2; 10:32, 11:22)
 - Those called out by God to assemble
 - Acts 20:28 - purchased with His own blood

 - Church of God Prior to Paul (primarily Jews - Matt. 10)
 - Church of God that Paul persecuted - Gal. 1:13
 - Christ's church - Matt. 16:18

- "Rock" (foundation) - Jesus is the Christ
 - Christ's church (built) added to - Acts 2:47
 - Christ's church "spiritual house" - 1 Pet. 2:1-10
 - Earthly Election
 - Church of God After Paul (Gentiles and Jews - Acts 9:15-16)
 - Christ's church - Eph. 1:22-23
 - "Foundation" - 1 Cor. 3; Eph. 2:20
 - Christ's church added to - Eph. 2:22
 - Christ's church "spiritual house" - Eph. 2:22
 - Heavenly Election
 - **The Body of Christ**
 - Christ the foundation
 - Purchased with His blood
 - Made up of believing Jews and Gentiles
 - Baptized by one Spirit into one body where there is no Jew or Gentile
 - **Macro-structure - big picture**
 1. Head - Eph. 4:15-16 - Christ is the head of the church - the church is His body
 2. Body - 1 Cor. 12:12-14 - one body made up of many members
 - **Micro-structure - small picture**
 - Body made up of many members
 1. **Authority** - 1 Tim. 3:1-5 - those that take care of the church of God
 - Acts 20:28 - overseers (undershepherds)
 - 1 The. 5:12 - labour among you, over you in the Lord
 - Labor - 1 Tim. 5:17-18 - word and doctrine
 2. **Members** - Rom. 12:4-5 - many members
 - Those under
 - Have an office
- **Roles**
 - **Elders & Deacons**
 1. Labor - in word and doctrine
 2. Rule - from that labor
 - Judgments - wise men and men of understanding (governments, helps)
 - 1 Cor. 6:5
 - 1 Cor. 10:15
 - 1 Cor. 14:20
 - Care not for yours but you (2 Cor. 13:14-15)
 - Heb. 13:7, 17
 - Purpose - Eph. 4:12
 - Perfecting of the saints (1 Tim. 3:16-17; Col. 1:28-29)

- Work of the ministry (teaching, warning, exhorting)
- Edifying of the body of Christ (Christ-efficiency within each member)
- Members
 1. Toward elders and deacons - know them (1 The. 5:12), submit (Heb. 13), pray (1 Tim. 2:1ff)
 2. Toward other members - one anothering (Rom. 12), edify (1 Cor. 12-14), submit (Eph. 5), supply (Rom. 12, Eph. 4)

IV. Conclusion:

- Good Works - careful to maintain them