

Baptist Essentials – Why Are We Baptists?
Koinonia Without Politeia? Why Polity Matters

Koinonia means _____

Polity is an _____

1. Polity Establishes the _____

- a. A local church is born when Gospel _____
form a Gospel _____
- b. What are the three elements that constitutes a true church according to the Reformers?
 - i. The right _____ of the Word
 - ii. The right administration of the _____
 - iii. The right practice of church _____

2. Polity Guards the Gospel _____ and _____

- a. Polity guards what the _____ is
- b. Polity _____ who Gospel people are
- c. Because the *what* and *who* of the Gospel are the most _____ of polity, it guards the church from _____ and _____ (those that do not truly know the Gospel WHAT nor are truly part of the Gospel WHO).

3. Polity Gives Shape to Christian _____

4. Polity Strengthens a _____

- a. The Congregational system leaves each local church _____ from other local churches or hierarchical authorities. The _____ for her affairs is left with the _____ as a whole. The responsibility of discipline and doctrine finally lies with the _____