

First Class (30 June): Member is an Office with Authority and Responsibility

PROPOSITION 1: Within the local church, the right question is not “who has final authority” but rather “who has authority and responsibility to do what?” or “what lanes *(plural)* of authority & responsibility has God established for the local church?”

PROPOSITION 2: To better understand the lanes of authority and responsibility God has given in the local church, we must analyze God’s Word with an eye for patterns of authority, responsibility, and institutions.

PROPOSITION 3: The office of priest-king given to the federal head Adam, which involved working and watching over the place where God dwelled, was further specified in the life of Israel, fulfilled in Christ, and has now been re-conferred on the membership of the church.