

The Church – Part 3

Acts 2:36-47

God creates the church by his Word and Spirit

Attributes of the church: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic

Marks of the true church

- Faithful preaching of God's Word
- Right administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
- Proper discipline (later in Acts 5)

Life of the church

- Fellowshiping with one another
- Caring for one another
- Worshipping with one another

Pastoral Care and Leadership

Church Governments

- Presbyterian – various levels of councils of elders
- Episcopal – hierarchy of officers
- Congregational – self-rule for every congregation
 - Single elder (pastor)
 - Plurality of elders
 - Corporate board
 - Pure democracy
 - No government but the Holy Spirit

Our Church Government

- Plurality of elders with one or more of those elders in the role of pastor/teacher.
- Elders are appointed, not elected.
- Role of elders
 - Preach/Teach God's Word.
 - Provide correction/discipline when necessary.
 - Protect against false teaching.
 - Help the hurting.

Pictures of the Church

- Bride
- Building
- Body
- Family