

Church Matters



Organization: How Does the Church Work?



Formed by God's Plan



The “body of Christ” – Ephesians 4:12

The “church of God” – 1 Corinthians 1:2

The “churches of Christ” – Romans 16:16

The “church of the firstborn”

– Hebrews 12:23

The “church of the saints”

– 1 Corinthians 14:33

The “Way” – Acts 22:4

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“From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church... Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

- **Acts 20:17-28**

1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,
2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according

to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; **3** nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

- 1 Peter 5:1-3

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, 6 namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. 7 For

the overseer must be above reproach as
God's steward, not self-willed, not
quick-tempered, not addicted to wine,
not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,

- Titus 1:5-7

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Ephesians 4:11-13 – 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the

unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Galatians 6:1 – Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

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