

ECCLESIOLOGY

**Byzantine Basilica B
at Philippi**



**N.D. in
Paris**



Wells in G.B.



ECCLESIOLOGY

I. Introduction

II. Concept

A. Universal



**Universal - Spiritual entity
with Christ as head composed
of all true believers**

**All locations, all time since
founding, until rapture, invisible
church, spiritual body of Christ,
some in heaven**

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B. Local



LOCAL CHURCH

1. Meaning

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**Believers called together
with a common geography
organized to glorify God &
do His will**

**visible professing church
may contain tares**

LOCAL CHURCH



1. Meaning

2. Purpose

3. 1st Century

4. Organization

a. Government

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GOVERNMENT

1. NT Data

NT DATA

- 1. Numbering - 2:41**
- 2. Servants organized - 6:1-7**
- 3. Times of meeting - 1Cor 16:2**
- 4. Relief for poor - 4:32-37**
- 5. Elder appointed - 11:30, 14:23**
- 6. Letter of commendation - 18:24-28**
- 7. Delegated authority - Tim, Tit**

GOVERNMENT

1. NT Data
2. Minimal Government

MINIMAL

- **Basis - Christ gave no commands**
- **But - church not in existence**
over emphasis on universal church
Pastoral Epistles
- **Proponents - Quakers,**
Plymouth Brethren

GOVERNMENT

- 1. NT Data**
- 2. Minimal Government**
- 3. National Government**
- 4. Hierarchy**

HIERARCHY

➤ **Government by bishops**

➤ **Function of bishops**

Ordination priests

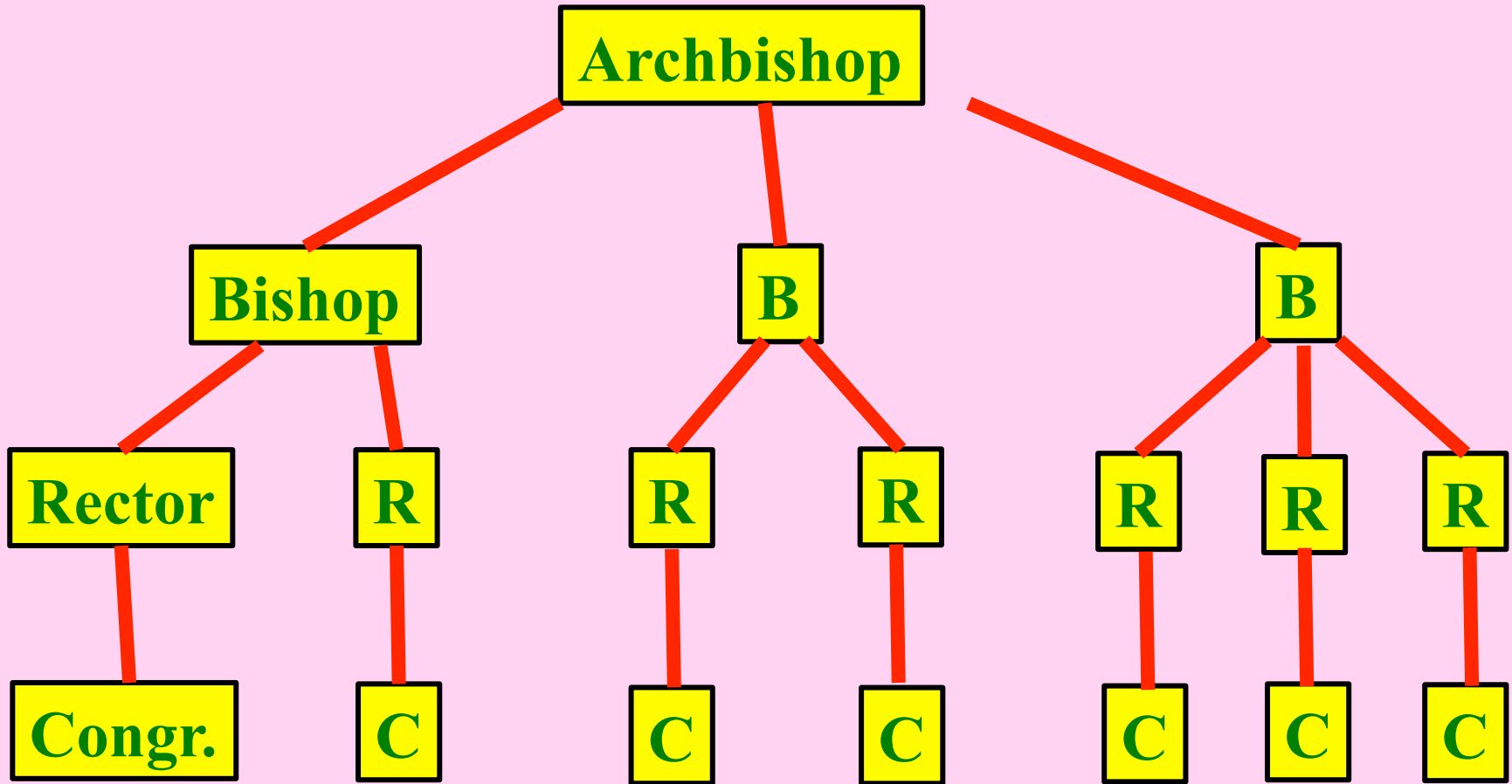
Preserving truth

Channel of God's authority

Discipline

➤ **Proponents - R.C., Orthodox, Anglican,
Methodist**

HIERARCHY



GOVERNMENT

- 1. NT Data**
- 2. Minimal Government**
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- 4. Hierarchy**
- 5. Congregational**

CONGREGATIONAL

➤ **Authority with congregation**

➤ **Basis**

Letters to churches

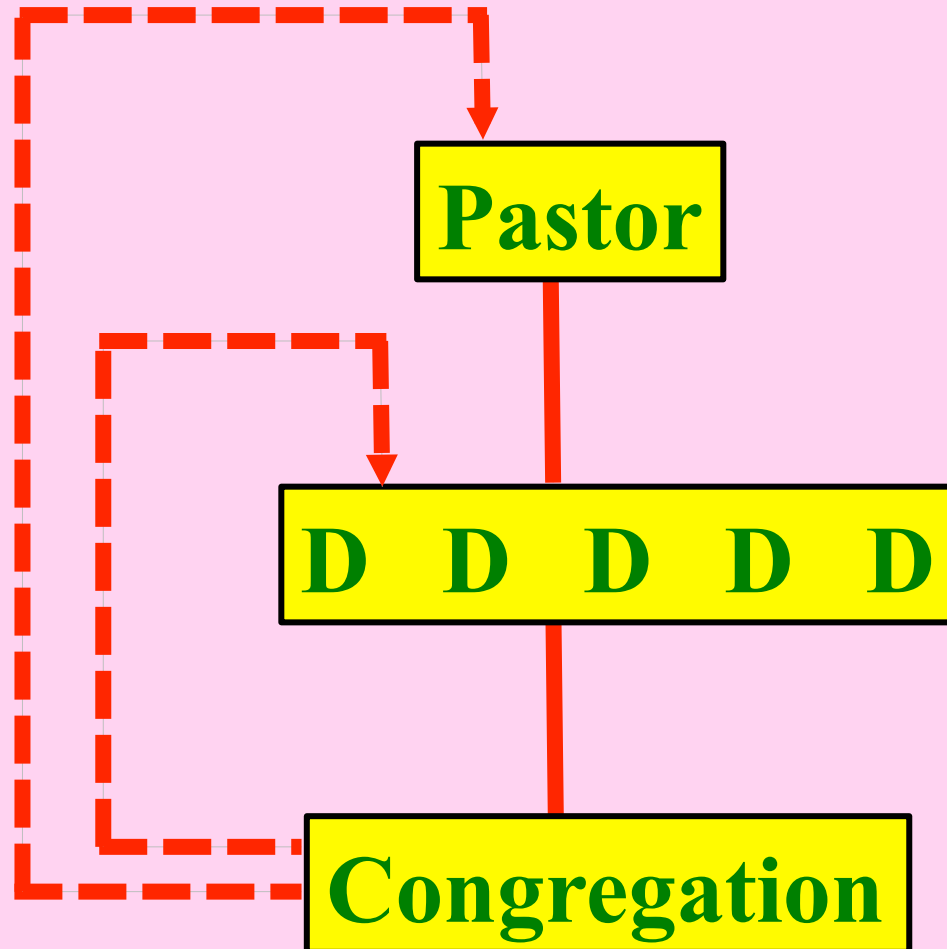
Ordinances to churches

Example in Acts

Headship of Christ

➤ **Proponents - Baptists, most Lutherans,
Congregationalists,**

CONGREGATIONAL



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- 6. Elder Rule**

ELDER RULE

➤ **Elders as representatives of church**

➤ **Basis**

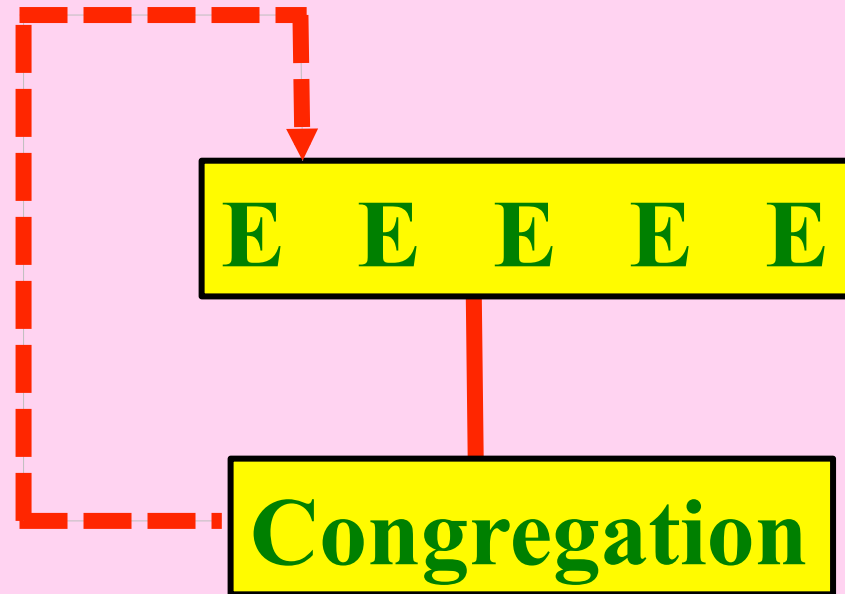
NT instruction

Early church

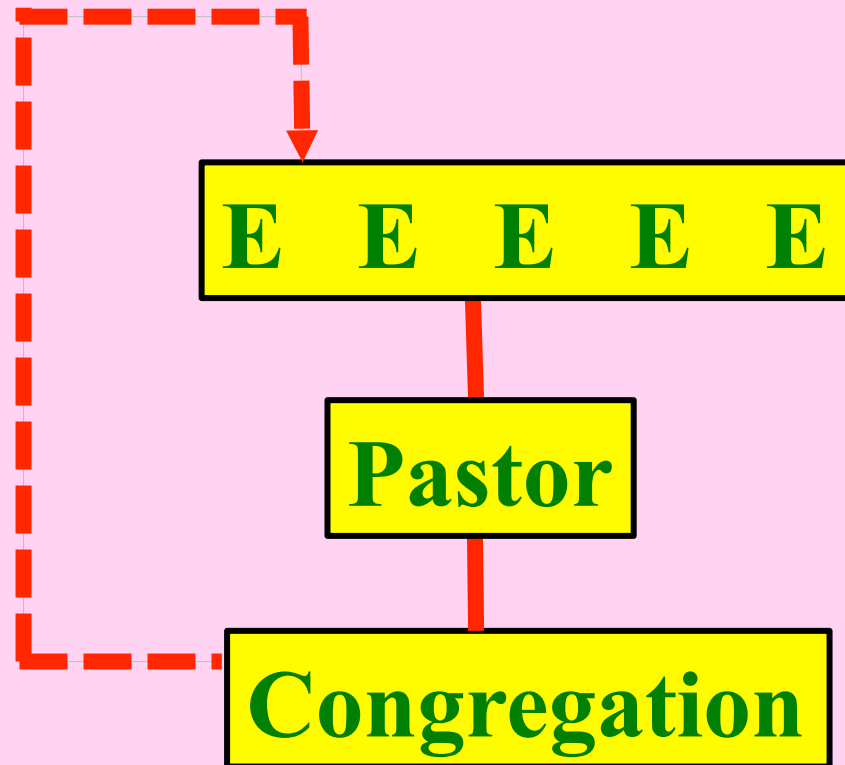
Qualifications

➤ **Proponents - Presbyterian,
Bible Churches**

PLURAL ELDERS



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LOCAL CHURCH



4. Organization

a. Government

b. Ordinances

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ORDINANCES

➤ Baptism

Jordan
River



VIEWS

- **Means of saving grace**
- **Sign & seal of covenant**
- **As token of salvation**

BAPTISMS in NT

- **Jewish - Heb 9:10**
- **Fire - Mt 3:11-12 (dry)**
- **Cross - Mk 10:38-39 (dry)**
- **Moses - 1Cor 10:1-2 (dry)**
- **Jesus - Mt 3:13-17**
- **HS - Rom 6:3-4 (dry)**
- **Believer - 1Cor 1:13-17**

BAPTISMS

A large crowd of people is walking along a wooden boardwalk that runs parallel to a river. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wooden planks and has a metal railing on the right side. The river is on the right, and the background is filled with lush greenery, including many palm trees. The sky is overcast. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**1. Ritual Water
Baptisms**

**2. Real Identification
Baptisms**

**3. Real Spirit
Baptism**

RITUAL BAPTISMS

**1. Jewish Washings - Mk 7:3-4,
Lk 11:38, Ex 19:10**

**purpose - ritual cleansing
fellowship**



**Mikveh in
Jerusalem**

Mikvah at Qumran



**Ceremonial washings
for purification**

RITUAL BAPTISMS

- 1. Jewish Washings - Mk 7:3-4**
- 2. John the Baptist - Mk 1:4,
Mt 3:6-7, Act 13:24**

Purpose -

for Israel for repentance

for preparation of Messiah

RITUAL BAPTISMS

- 1. Jewish Washings - Mk 7:3-4**
- 2. John the Baptist - Mt 3:6-7**
- 3. Jesus - Mt 3:11-16**
unique - no need
purpose - identification

RITUAL BAPTISMS

- 1. Jewish Washings - Mk 7:3-4**
- 2. John the Baptist - Mt 3:6-7**
- 3. Jesus - Mt 3:13-16**
- 4. Believers - Mt 28:19,
Acts 2:38-41**



**Bill the
βαπτιστης
(Baptist)**

**Immersion
in the Jordan
River**

WATER BAPTISM

- 1. Pentecost - Act 2:38-41**
- 2. Simon - Act 8:12-16**
- 3. Ethiopian - Act 8:36-38**
- 4. Paul - Act 9:18**
- 5. Cornelius - Act 10:47-48**
- 6. Lydia - Act 16:16**
- 7. Jailer - Act 16:33**
- 8. Others - Corinthians, Ephesians**

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Baptisms**

**2. Real Identification
Baptisms**

IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Noah - 1Pet 3:20-21**
- 2. Moses - 1Cor 10:1-2**
- 3. Fire - Mt 3:11**
- 4. Cross - Mk 10:38-39,
Lk 12:50**

BAPTISMS

A large crowd of people is walking along a wooden boardwalk that runs parallel to a river. The boardwalk is made of light-colored wooden planks. On the left side of the boardwalk, there are several tall palm trees. The crowd consists of people of various ages and ethnicities, some wearing hats and casual clothing. In the background, there are more trees and a small structure. The sky is clear and blue.

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BAPTISM of HS

**Identification with Christ's
death, burial, and resurrection**

ORDINANCES

➤ **Baptism**

Jordan
River

➤ **Lord's Supper**



VIEWS

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Reformed



- Baptist

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5. Leadership

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