

ECCLESIOLOGY

**Byzantine Basilica B
at Philippi**



**N.D. in
Paris**



Wells in G.B.



ECCLESIOLOGY

I. Introduction

II. Concept

A. Universal

B. Local



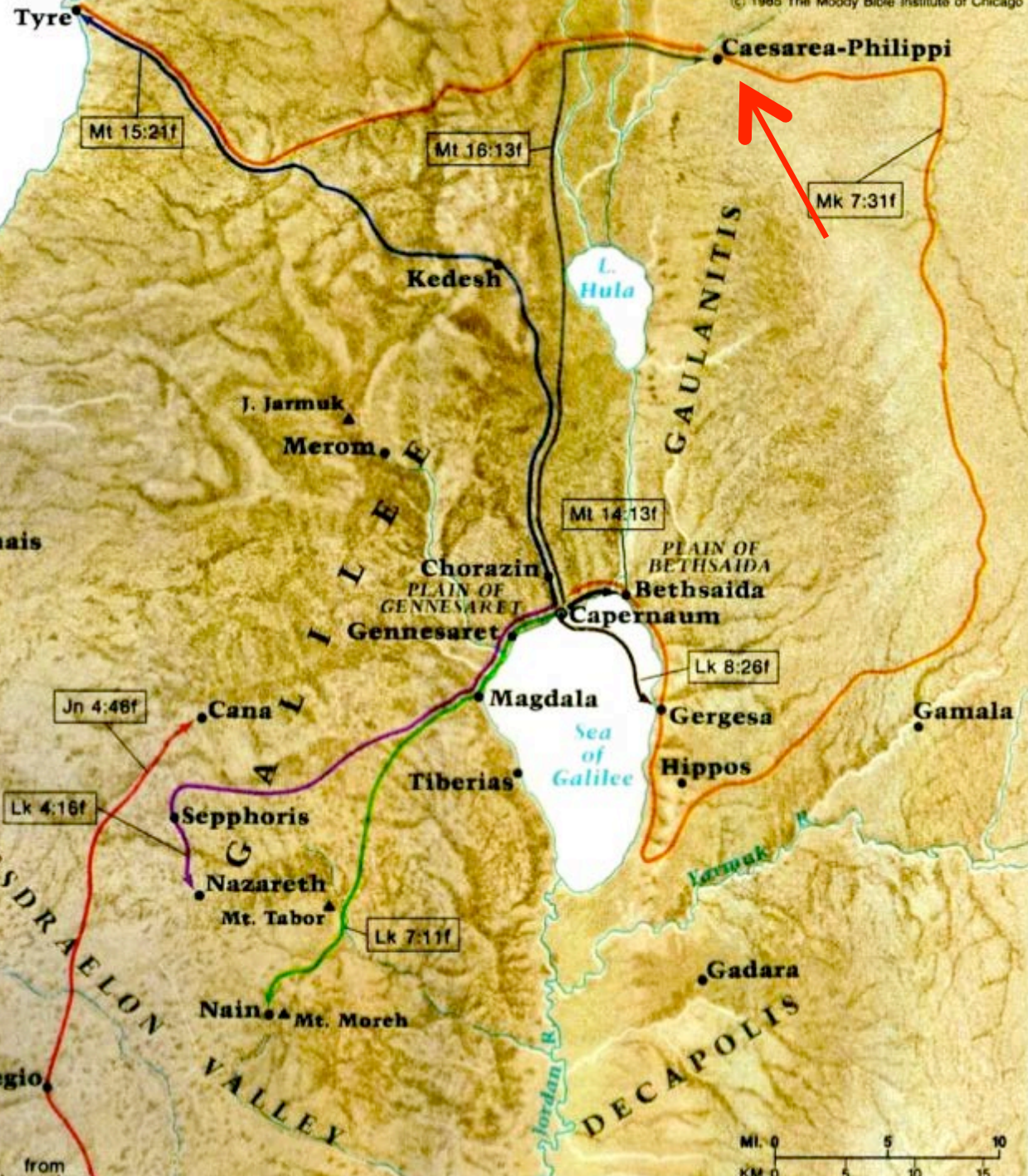
LOCAL CHURCH



1. Meaning

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Basilica B
at Philippi**

- city
- ⊙ Jesus' headquarters
- ▲ mountain peak
- Jesus preaches in synagogue at Nazareth
- Jesus heals in Lower Galilee
- Jesus returns from Jerusalem and heals in Cana of Galilee
- Jesus preaches in district of Caesarea-Philippi
- Jesus crosses over Sea of Galilee to country of Gergesenes
- Jesus journeys into district of Tyre and Sidon
- Jesus preaches in Decapolis
- Jesus performs wonders near Bethsaida



ΠΕΤΡΑ = rock



Mt 16:13-19

Πετρος = stone



**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**

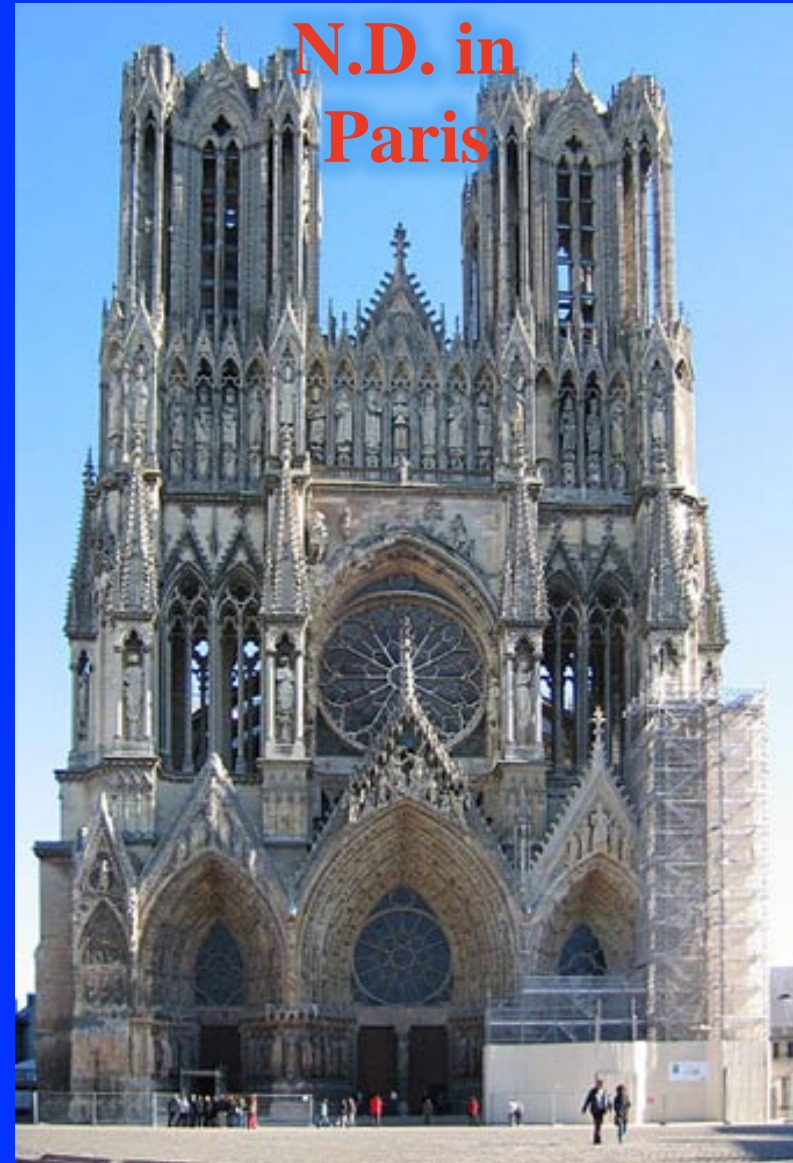
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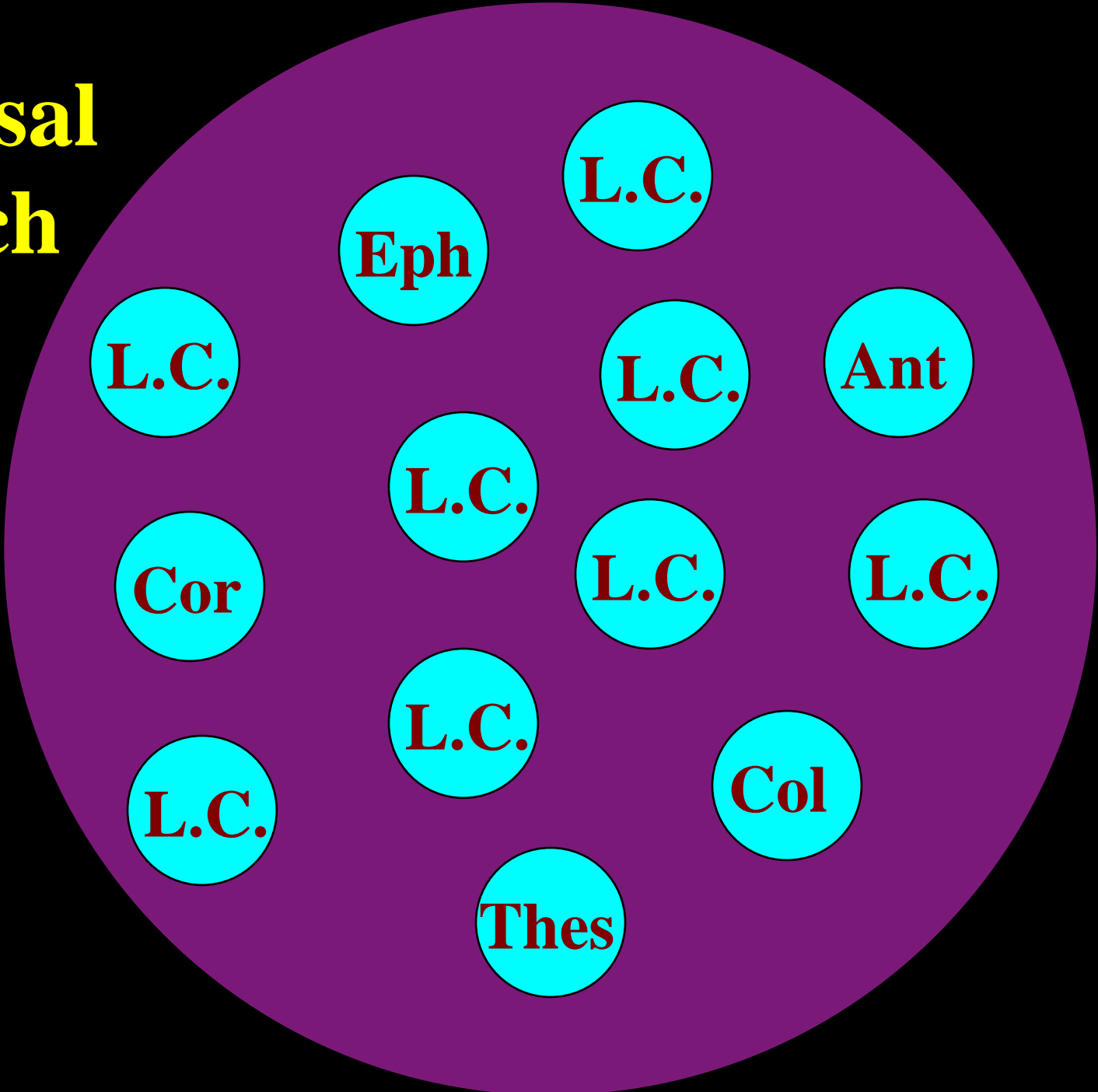
B. Local



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

**visible professing church
may contain tares**

Universal Church



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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**

Ordination

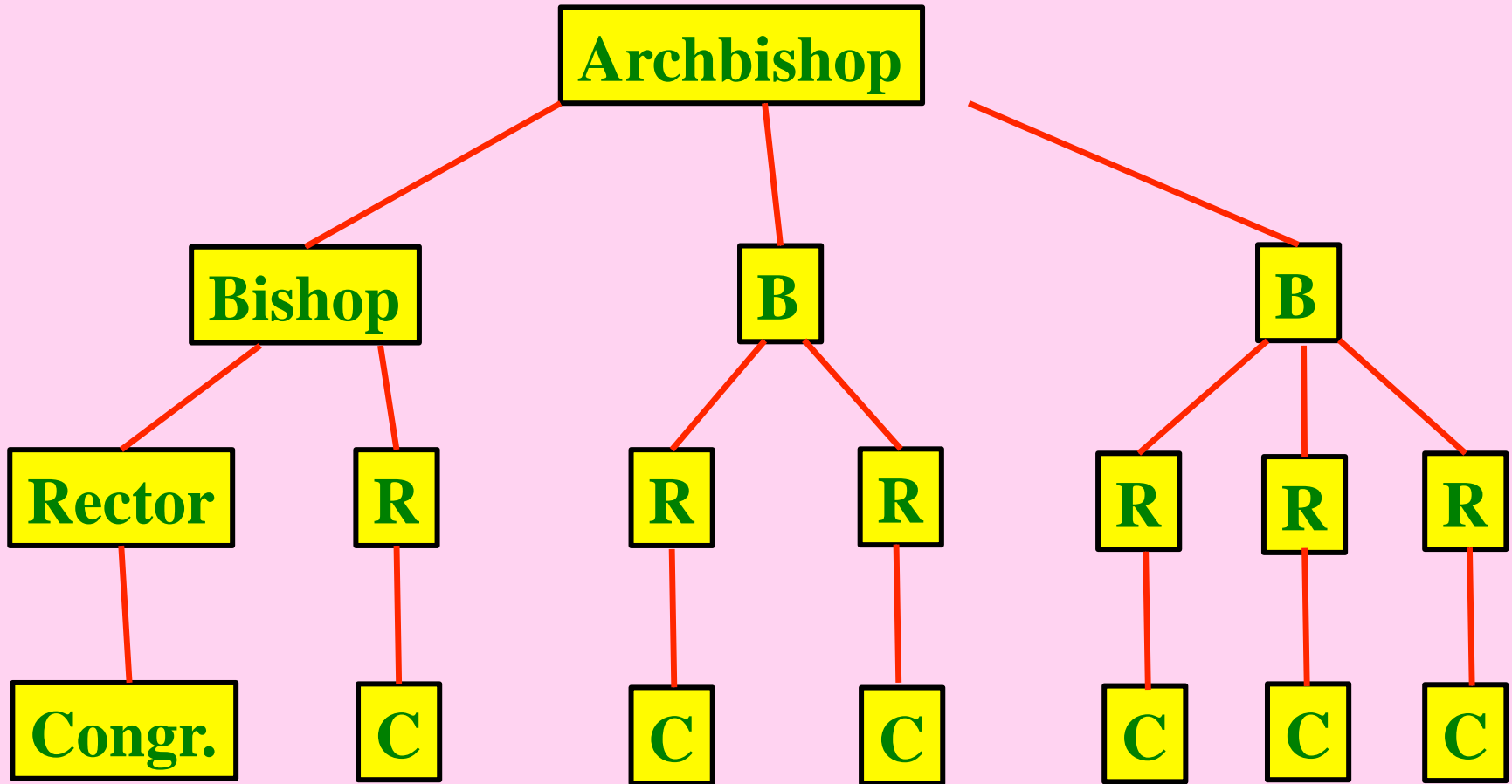
Preserving truth

God's authority

Discipline

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

HIERARCHY



GOVERNMENT

1. NT Data
2. Minimal Government
3. National Government
4. Hierarchy
5. Congregational

CONGREGATIONAL

➤ **Authority with congregation**

➤ **Basis**

Letters to churches

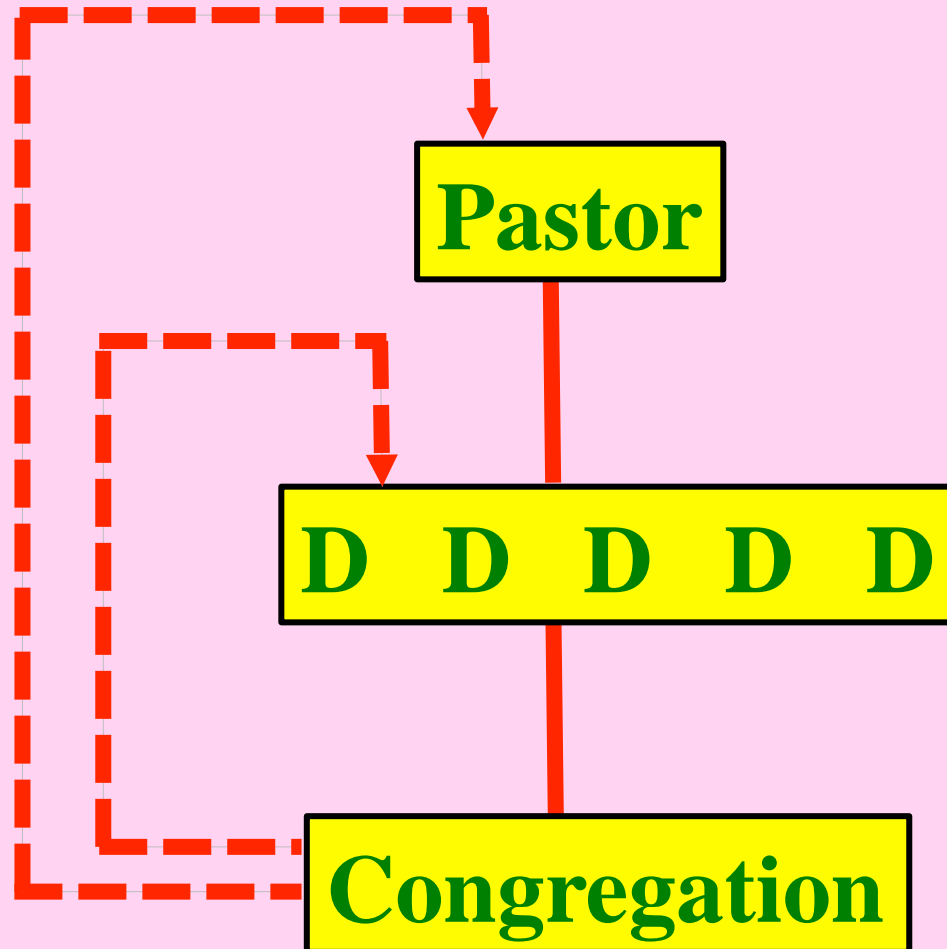
Ordinances to churches

Example in Acts

Headship of Christ

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

CONGREGATIONAL



GOVERNMENT

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- 3. National Government**
- 4. Hierarchy**
- 5. Congregational**
- 6. Elder Rule**

ELDER RULE

➤ **Elders as representatives of church**

➤ **Basis**

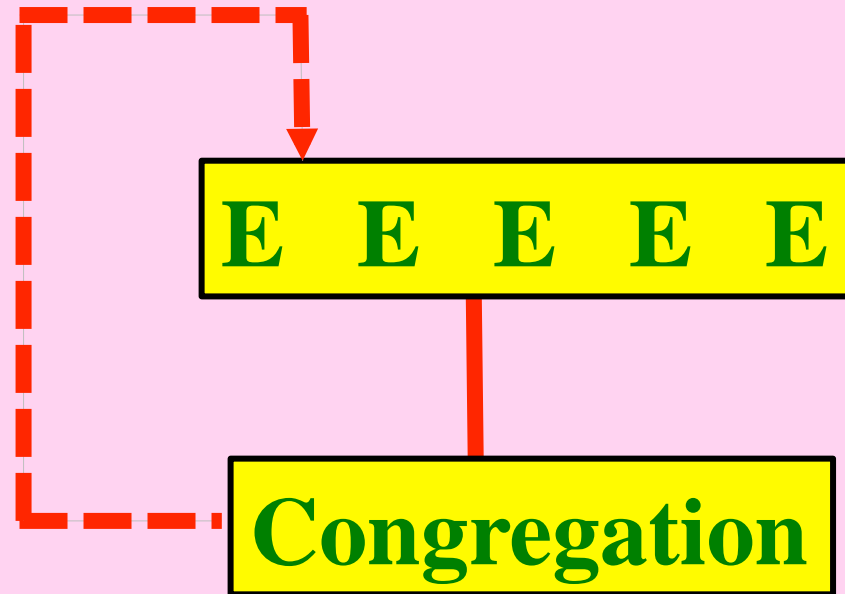
NT instruction

Early church

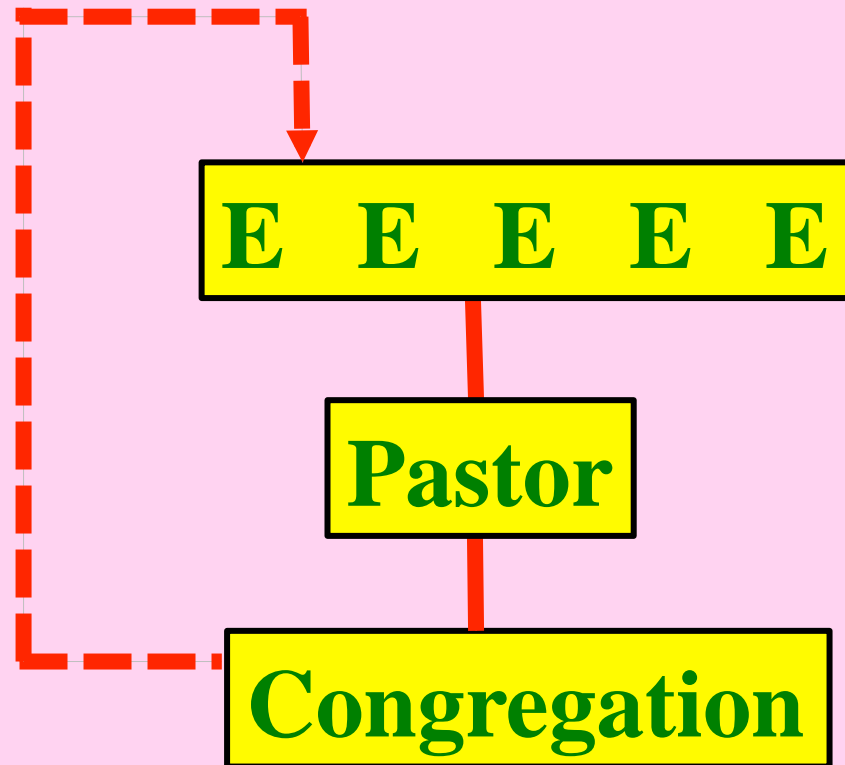
Qualifications

➤ **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

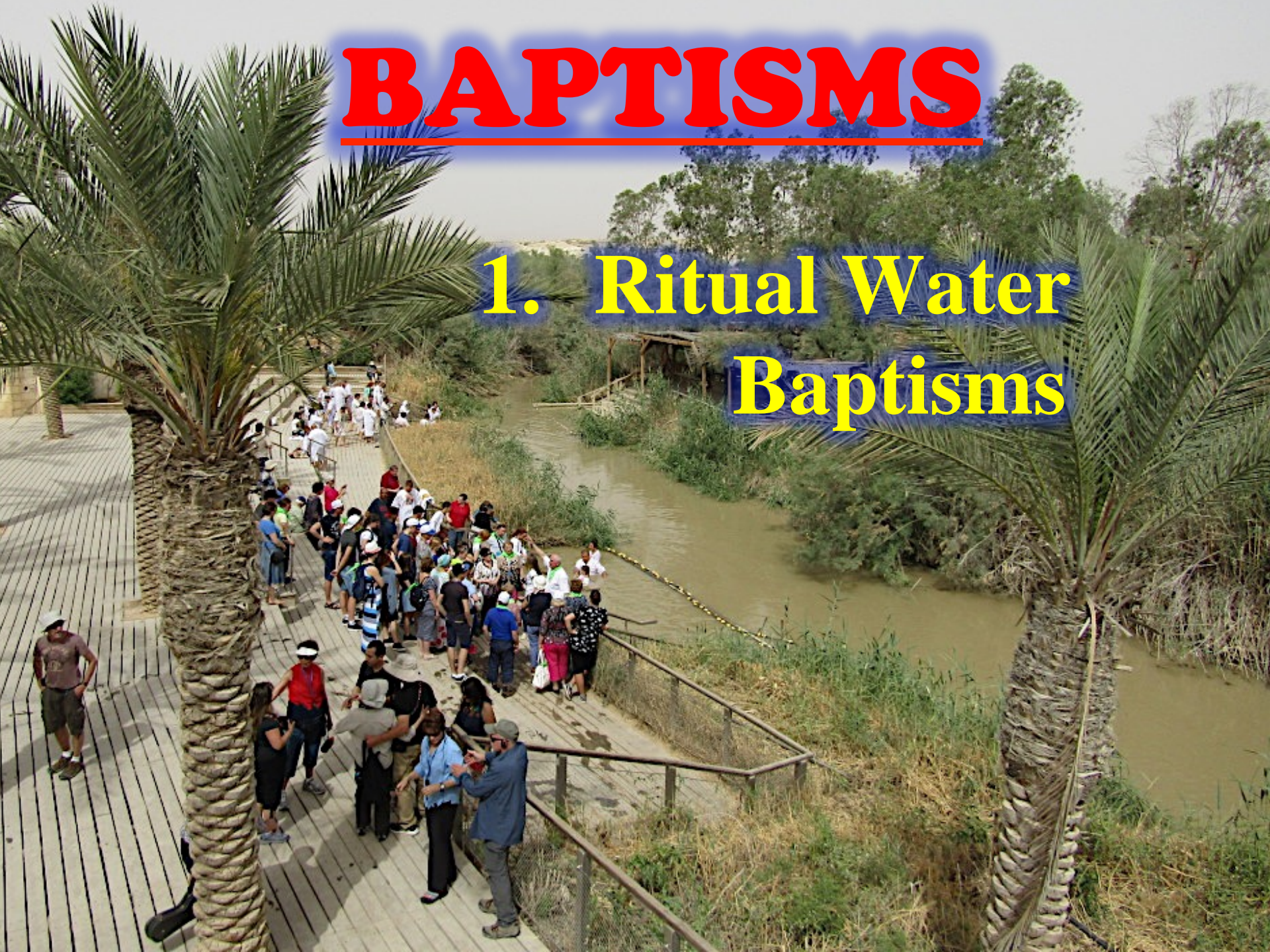


VIEWS

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Reformed
- Church of Christ
- Baptist

BAPTISMS

1. Ritual Water Baptisms



RITUAL BAPTISMS

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



**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**

BAPTISMS

A large crowd of people is gathered on a wooden boardwalk that runs along a river. In the foreground, two large palm trees are visible. The boardwalk is crowded with people of various ages and ethnicities, some standing and talking, others walking. The river is visible to the right of the boardwalk, and there are trees and a small wooden structure in the background. The sky is clear and blue.

**1. Ritual Water
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 on a wooden boardwalk that leads down to a river. The boardwalk is flanked by palm trees. In the background, a small wooden structure is visible on the riverbank. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a public event.

**1. Ritual Water
Baptisms**

**2. Real Identification
Baptisms**

**3. Real Spirit
Baptism**

BAPTISM of HS

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

ORDINANCES

➤ **Baptism**

Jordan
River

➤ **Lord's Supper**



AGREEMENT

- 1. Established by Christ**
- 2. Need of repetition**
- 3. Proclamation of His death**
- 4. Spiritual benefit to partake**
- 5. Restricted to believers**
- 6. For church**

DISAGREEMENT

- 1. Presence of Christ**
- 2. Efficacy**
- 3. Proper administrator**
- 4. Elements used**

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NT OFFICES

1. Leadership today

St Paul's Church
Rome

EXPECTATIONS

Accomplished public speaker, skilled counselor, biblical scholar, top theologian, soul winner, example of faith, social ethicist, public relations expert, accomplished administrator, master of ceremonies, program coordinator, funeral director, competent in miscellaneous tasks, ... walks on water

NT OFFICES

The background image shows the interior of St Paul's Church in Rome. It features a long, grand nave with a series of classical columns on both sides. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles with a geometric pattern. In the foreground, there are ornate brass candlesticks and a red velvet rope barrier. The ceiling is high and decorated with intricate patterns. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and architectural beauty.

1. Leadership today
2. NT Offices

St Paul's Church
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POSSIBILITIES

- **Apostles -** αποστολος
- **Elders -** πρεσβυτερος
- **Bishops -** επισκοπος
- **Deacons -** διακονος
- **Pastors -** ποιμην

NT OFFICES

➤ **Apostles - αποστολος**

APOSTLES

- 1. Meaning - sent one**
- 2. Purpose - foundational**
- 3. 4 groups in NT - Office - 12
Office - others
Gift
False Apostles**
- 4. Transitional**

NT OFFICES

- **Apostles -** αποστολος
- **Elders -** πρεσβυτερος

ELDERS

- **Meaning - elder**
- **Office - leadership**
- **Primary leadership office**

NT OFFICES

- **Apostles -** αποστολος
- **Elders -** πρεσβυτερος
- **Bishops -** επισκοπος

BISHOPS

- **Meaning - overseer**
- **Usage - 5x**
- **Interchangeable - elder**

NT OFFICES

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DEACONS

- ✧ **Meaning -** **servant**
- ✧ **Office -** **service**
- ✧ **Qualifications**

NT OFFICES

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- **Deacons - διακονος**
- **Pastors - ποιμην**

PASTORS

- ✧ **Meaning - shepherd**
- ✧ **Noun use - Eph 4:11**
- ✧ **Pastors in NT - none**
- ✧ **Function - spiritual gift**

NT OFFICES

1. Leadership today
2. NT Offices
3. Support for Elders

St Paul's Church
Rome

LEADERSHIP

1. NT Offices - only 2

NT OFFICES

- ~~Apostles~~ - αποστολος
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LEADERSHIP

1. NT Offices - only 2
2. Pattern of Early Church

PATTERN

	Jerusalem	Judea & Samaria	Ends of Earth
Apostles	16 (2.3)	5 (1.3)	9 (1.9)
Elders	0	1	9
	8	12	28

LEADERSHIP

- 1. NT Offices - only 2**
- 2. Pattern of Early Church**
- 3. Highest Authority in Jerusalem**
- 4. Paul's Pattern**
- 5. Charge to Ministry**
- 6. Qualifications**

NT OFFICES

- 1. Leadership today**
- 2. NT Offices**
- 3. Support for Elders**
- 4. Responsibility**

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Rome**

RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. Shepherding**
- 2. Oversight**
- 3. Protection**
- 4. Teaching/Preaching**
- 5. Exhortation**
- 6. Mediation**

NT OFFICES

1. Leadership today
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4. Responsibility
5. Character

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