

ECCLESIOLOGY

**N.D. in
Paris**



**Byzantine Basilica B
at Philippi**



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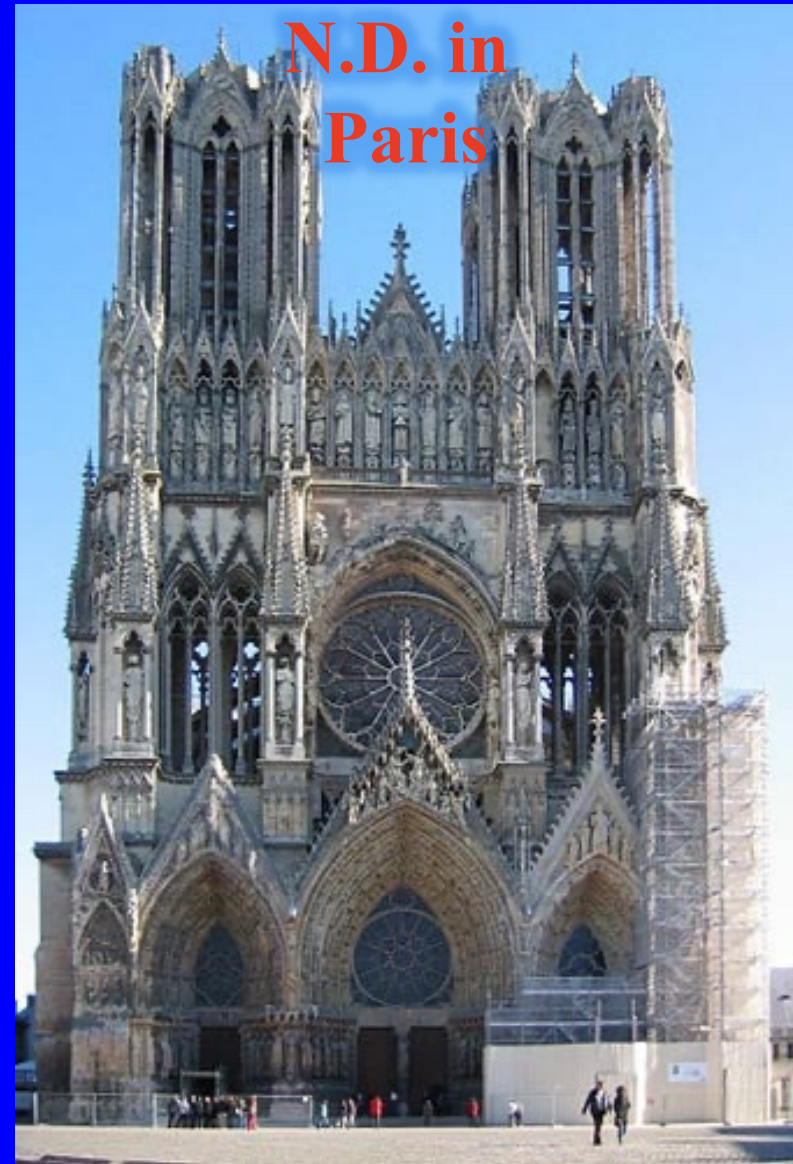
ECCLESIOLOGY

I. Introduction

II. Concept

A. Universal

B. Local



UNIVERSAL CHURCH

**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**

LOCAL CHURCH

**Believers called together with
a common geography
organized to glorify God and
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**
- **Proponents - Quakers,
Plymouth Brethren**
- **But - church not in existence
over emphasis on universal church
Pastoral Epistles**

GOVERNMENT

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

HIERARCHY

➤ **Government by bishops or priests**

➤ **Function**

Ordination

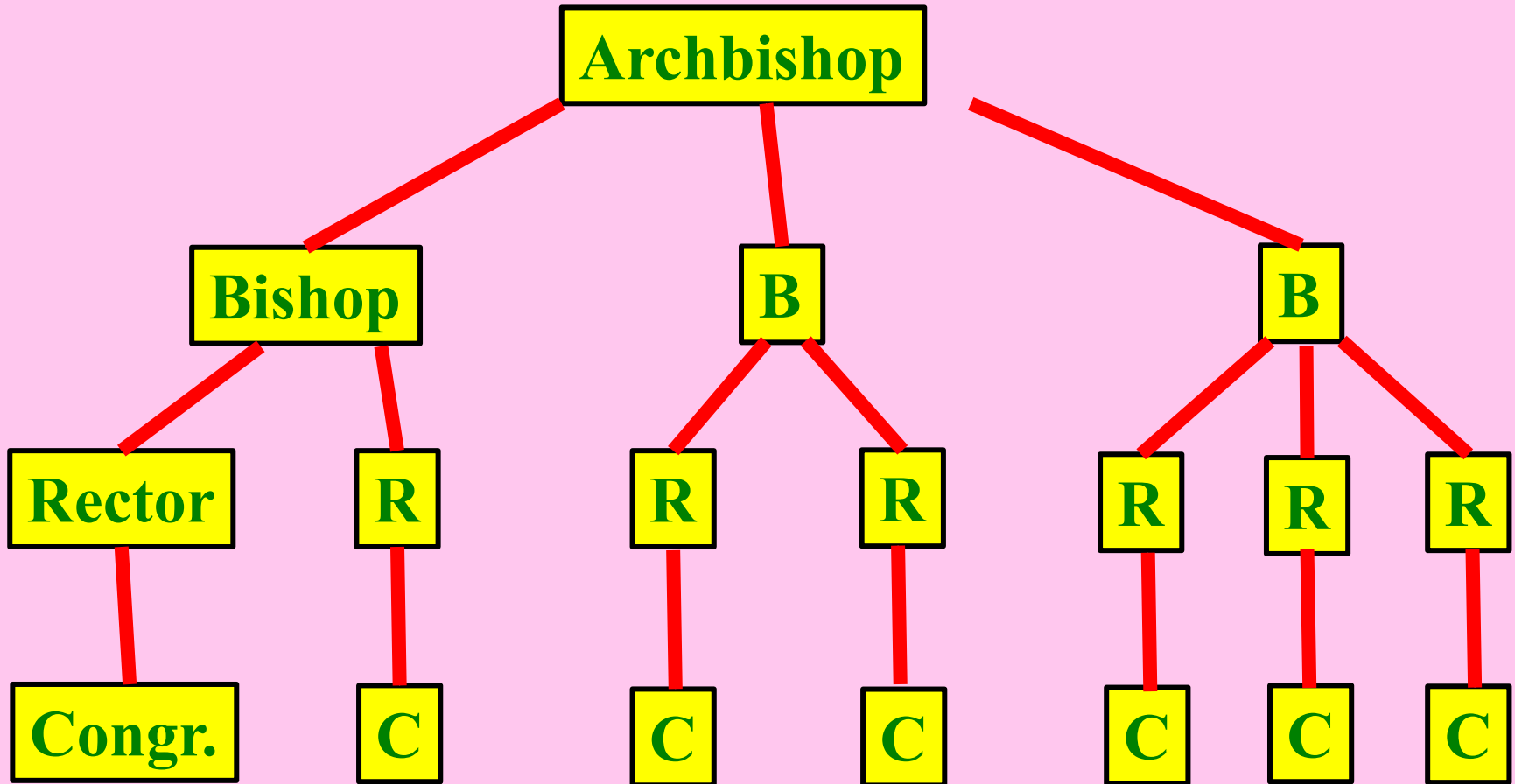
Preserving truth

God's authority

Discipline

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

HIERARCHY



GOVERNMENT

- 1. NT Data**
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- 5. Congregational**

CONGREGATIONAL

➤ **Authority with congregation**

➤ **Basis**

Letters to churches

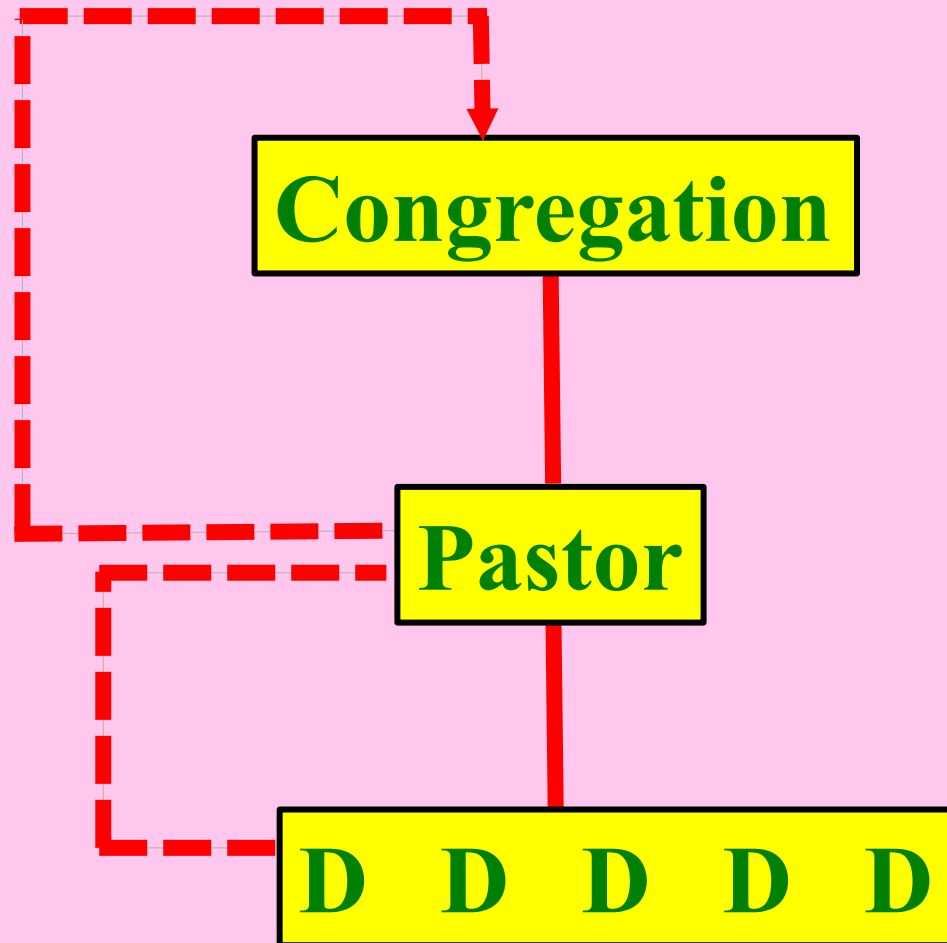
Ordinances to churches

Example in Acts

Headship of Christ

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

CONGREGATIONAL



GOVERNMENT

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- 6. Elder Rule**

ELDER RULE

➤ **Elders as representatives of church**

➤ **Basis**

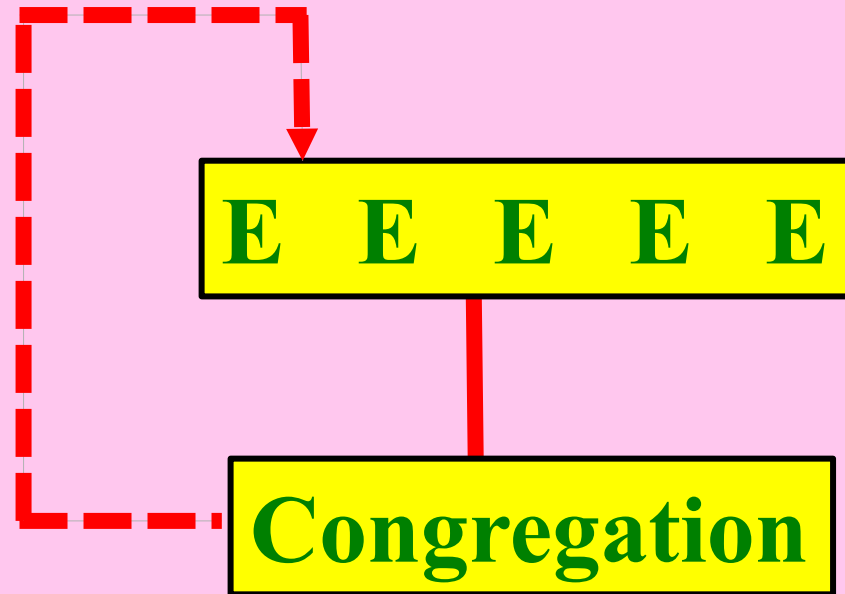
NT instruction

Early church

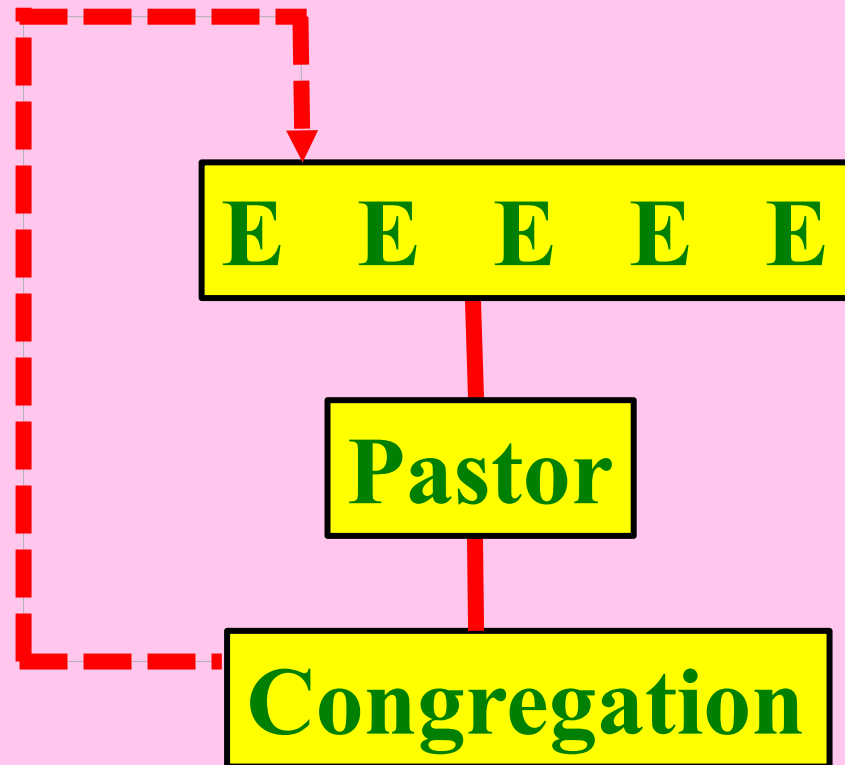
Qualifications

➤ **Proponents - Presbyterian,
Bible Churches**

PLURAL ELDERS



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LOCAL CHURCH



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ORDINANCES

➤ Baptism

Jordan
River



VIEWS

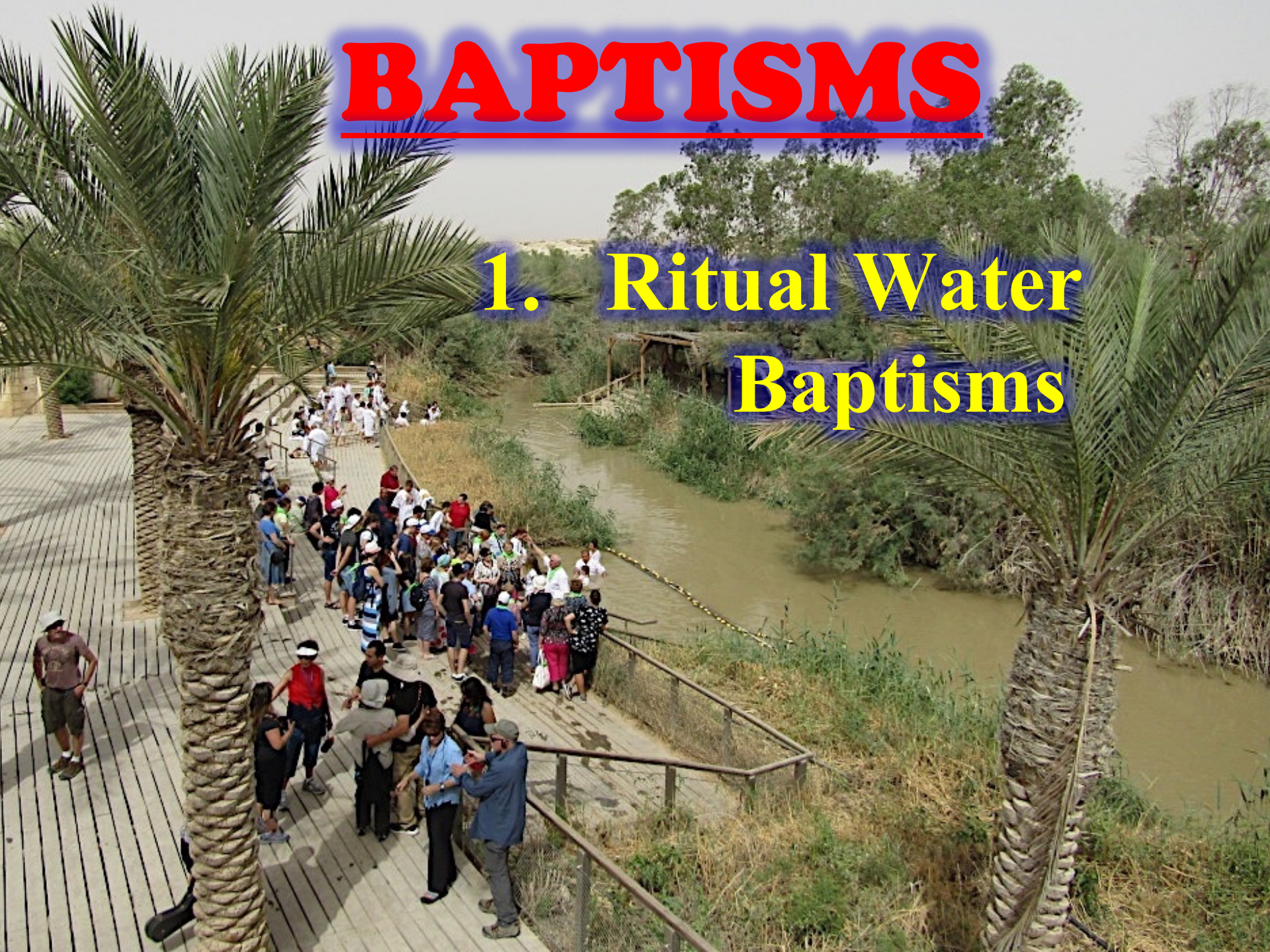
- **Sacramental - imparts saving grace**
Catholic, Lutheran, Church of Christ
- **Sign or seal of Covenant**
Reformed & Presbyterian
- **Token of salvation**
Baptist

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

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
βαπτιστής
(Baptist)**

**Immersion
in the Jordan
River**

WATER BAPTISM

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

BAPTISMS

A large crowd of people is walking along a wooden boardwalk that runs parallel to a river. The boardwalk is flanked by palm trees on both sides. In the background, a small wooden structure is visible on the riverbank. The scene is outdoors and appears to be a public event or festival.

**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 group of people, many wearing white robes, are walking along a wooden boardwalk that leads down to a river. The boardwalk is flanked by palm trees. The scene is outdoors, with a clear sky and lush greenery in the background. The text is overlaid on the image in a stylized, bold font.

**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**



VIEWS

- Catholic
- Lutheran
- Reformed



- Baptist

LOCAL CHURCH

1. Meaning
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5. Leadership

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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 ...

PASTOR'S WIFE

Perfect wife, picture of beauty, health and grace, example of hospitality, model mother, pastor's executive secretary, leader of women, unseen but always available, able to leap tall bldgs at a single bound, healer of sick, peacemaker, accomplished musician, hated by all church women but always gracious, ... can still storms ...

NT OFFICES

The image shows the interior of St Paul's Church in Rome. The nave is characterized by a series of tall, light-colored marble columns supporting a high, vaulted ceiling with intricate decorative elements. The floor is a mix of light and dark stone tiles. In the foreground, there are ornate brass candlesticks and a red rope barrier. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and historical significance.

- 1. Leadership today**
- 2. NT Offices**

**St Paul's Church
Rome**

POSSIBILITIES

- **Apostles -** *ἀπόστολος*
- **Elders -** *πρεσβύτερος*
- **Bishops -** *ἐπίσκοπος*
- **Deacons -** *διάκονος*
- **Pastors -** *ποιμήν*

NT OFFICES

➤ **Apostles -** *ἀπόστολος*

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** - *ἀπόστολος*
- **Elders** - *πρεσβύτερος*

ELDERS

- **Meaning - elder**
- **Office - leadership**
- **Qualifications - 1Tim 3:1-7**
- **Primary leadership office**

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BISHOPS

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

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DEACONS

- ✧ **Meaning - servant**
- ✧ **Office - service**
- ✧ **Qualifications - 1Tim 3:8-13**

NT OFFICES

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- **Pastors -** *ποιμήν*

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

- ~~Ap~~ostles - *ἀπόστολος*
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- ~~Pa~~stors - *ποιμήν*

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**

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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 supporting a high, vaulted ceiling. The floor is made of large, light-colored stone tiles. In the foreground, there are steps leading up to a platform, with a red rope barrier and a golden candelabra. The overall atmosphere is one of historical grandeur and architectural beauty.

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

**St Paul's Church
Rome**

RESPONSIBILITY

- 1. Shepherding - 1Pet 5:2**
- 2. Oversight - 1Tim 3:1**
- 3. Protection - Act 20:28-30**
- 4. Teaching/Preaching - 1Tim 5:17**
- 5. Exhortation - Tit 1:9**
- 6. Mediation - 1Cor 6:1-5**

NT OFFICES

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

**St Paul's Church
Rome**

HIS CHARACTER

- ✓ **Personal Integrity**
- ✓ **Family Devotion**
- ✓ **Spiritual Maturity**
- ✓ **Community Respect**

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITY

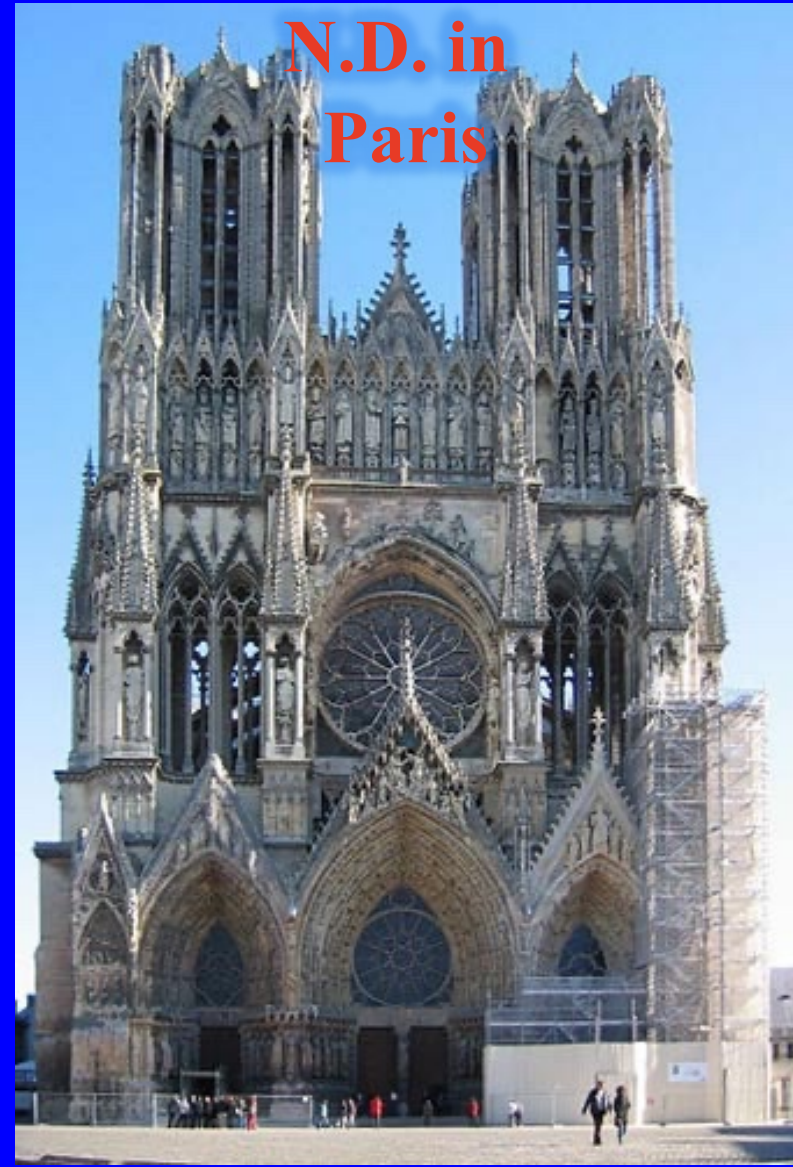
- 1. Be submissive**
- 2. Obey & submit**
- 3. Pray for leaders**
- 4. Remember affectionately**
- 5. Give double honor to teachers**
- 6. Do not grumble against**
- 7. Do not receive gossip**

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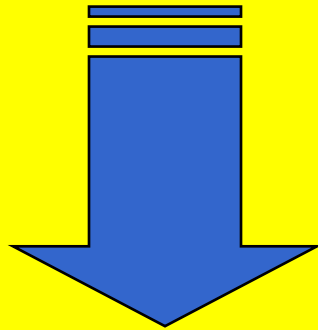
FUNCTION OF CHURCH



A. Introduction

TYPICAL MODEL

Paid Staff -> Ministry



Congregation -> Recipients

Lay ministry

FUNCTION OF CHURCH



A. Introduction

B. Pattern of Ministry

Eph 4:1-16

A. Prerequisites

4:1-6

B. Pattern

4:7-16

1. Provision

4:7-10

2. Performance

4:11-16

a. Provision

4:11

b. Plan

4:12



JESUS CHRIST

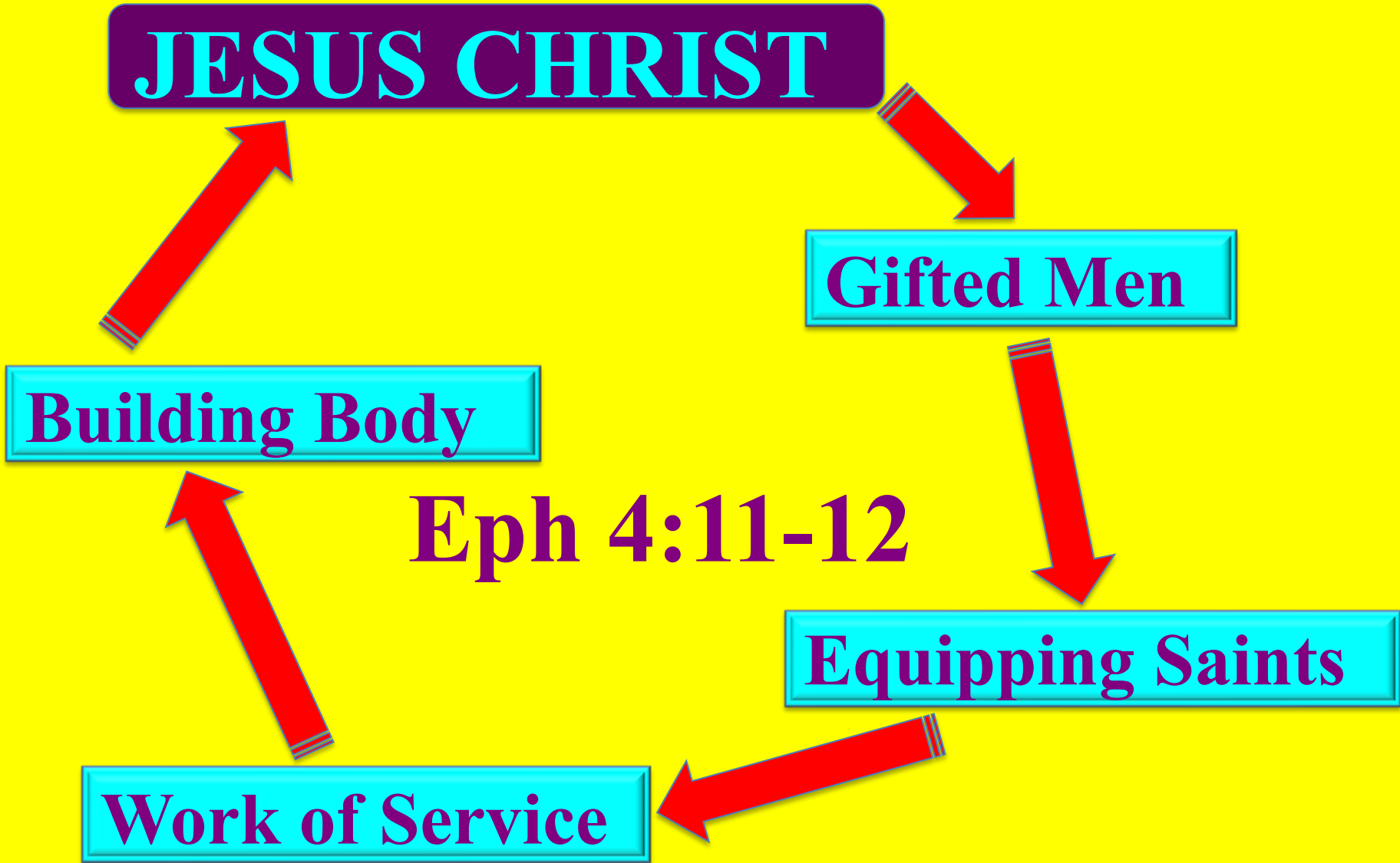
Gifted Men

Building Body

Eph 4:11-12

Equipping Saints

Work of Service



FUNCTIONING

TYPICAL

BIBLICAL

➤ Leadership - Pastor
& Staff

Elders

➤ Ministry - Pastor
& Staff

All Saints

➤ Growth - Size

Maturity

➤ Result - Immaturity

God's Glory