



Certainty Conference 2019

The Church is a FLOCK – LEADERSHIP

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Acts 20:28

1 Peter 5:2

1 Corinthians 9:7

I. CALLED TO BE: _____

A. The Flock is _____ by the Great Shepherd

1 Peter 2:24-25

- Jesus is the _____ Shepherd who accomplishes our justification
John 10:11
- Jesus is the _____ Shepherd who accomplishes our sanctification
Hebrews 13:20
- Jesus is the _____ Shepherd who accomplishes our glorification
1 Peter 5:4

B. The Flock is _____ by PASTORS

- **Pastor** The Greek word is used 18 times; translated 17 times shepherd, 1 time pastor (Eph 4:11)

The name indicates a shepherd's _____.

- **Elder** (Ac 11:30; 14:23; 15; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim 5; Tu 1:5; Ja 5:14; 1 Pe 5:1-5; 2 Jo 1; 3 Jo 1).
**Notice the interchangeability of elder & pastor in 1 Peter 5:1-4.

The name indicates a spiritual _____.

- **Bishop** (Php 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
**Notice the interchangeability of elder & bishop in Titus 1:5, 7.

The name indicates a sober _____.

1) The _____ of pastors

1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

2) The _____ of pastors

In every church there are multiple pastors:

- Elders in church at Jerusalem – Acts 11:30; Acts 21:18.
**NOTE - the shift of emphasis from apostles to elders.
- Bishops in church at Philippi – Philippians 1:1
- Elders in church at Ephesus – Acts 20:17; 1 Timothy 5:17-20
- Pastors over them at Thessalonica – 1 Thessalonians 5:12

- Paul ordained elders in every church plant Acts 14:23
- Titus was appointed to ordain elders in every city Titus 1:5

It should be carefully noted that the church is not a dictatorship – as there are plurality of pastors. Nor is the church an oligarchy – as the whole church should be involved.

- Acts 6:3-5 The local congregation of Jerusalem was involved in the selection of deacons which were appointed by the apostles.
- Acts 15:2 reveals that it was the congregation that determined Paul & Barnabas to Jerusalem to confront the teaching of the circumcision.
- 1 Corinthians 16:3 - the congregation approved someone to take the missions gift to Jerusalem (sent by Paul)
- 2 Corinthians 8:19 The local churches' congregations (plural) chose someone to travel with Paul - evidently for visibility on how their missions money was being spent.
- The local church epistles (Romans - Thessalonians) were not addressed to just the pastors but to the congregations, at times with specific speaking to the leadership (e.g. Philippians 1:1).

3) The _____ of Pastors Acts 15:6-21

One additional idea to provide plurality is to ask a mother-church or sister-church pastor to serve as an external elder. Consider Paul's leadership in absentia

- Paul instructs the church at Rome to receive and help Phebe (Romans 16:1-2)
- Paul commands a church to withdraw fellowship with some, commands busybodies to be quiet (2 Thessalonians 3:6-16)
- Paul expels people from the church (1 Timothy 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:3-5)
- Paul exhorts the church to forgive and comfort the sinner who repented (2 Corinthians 2:6-10)
- In all his epistles, Paul exhorts, admonishes, instructs local churches, two of which he might have ever been present: Rome (Romans 1:13) & Colosse (Colossians 1:5-9; 2:1).
- Paul sends leaders to other churches (Philippians 2:19, 25; Titus 3:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 3:2; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Timothy 1:3-4)

C. The Flock is _____ by DEACONS *Philippians 1:1*

II. CALLED TO DO: _____

A. God calls pastors to _____ the flock *Ephesians 4:11-12*

1 Timothy 3:1

The work of a pastor:

- to rule (1 Timothy 5:17)
- to preach and teach (1 Timothy 5:17)

- to guard against wolves (Acts 20:29-31)
- to pray for the sick (James 5:14)
- to care for the church (1 Peter 5:1-2)
- to know the flock and be known by them (John 10:14)
- to watch for the souls of the flock (Hebrews 13:17)
- to sacrifice for the flock (John 10:10-11)
- to be ensamples for others to follow (1 Peter 5:1-2)
- to set church policy (Acts 15:22)
- to ordain other leaders (1 Tim. 4:14)
- to perfect the saints (Eph 4:12)

The two perfecting ministries of the pastor

- 1) _____
Psalm 23:1-2
1 Peter 5:1-2
Acts 20:28
John 21:16

- 2) _____
Hebrews 13:17
1 Timothy 5:17

Mark 10:42-43

1 Peter 5:2-3
Isaiah 40:11
Psalm 23:1-4
Luke 15:4-7

John 10:11-13

1 Timothy 5:17

The two perfecting tools of the pastor

- 1) **Perfection is accomplished by** _____
2 Timothy 3:16-17
Colossians 1:28-29

- 2) **Perfection is accomplished by** _____
Colossians 4:12

Acts 6:4

B. God calls the flock to _____ their shepherd

- 1) _____ **your pastors**
1 Thessalonians 5:12
John 10:14

2) _____ for your pastors

Consider the following requests for prayers from Paul:

- Colossians 4:2-4 For opportunities to speak God's Word
- Ephesians 6:18-20 For boldness & clarity in speaking
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 For God's Word to accomplish His will in them and in others
- Romans 15:30-32 To be kept from enemies, to be accepted by the brethren, and to be refreshed

3) _____ your pastors

1 Timothy 5:17-18

4) _____ your pastors

Hebrews 13:17

5) _____ your pastors

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

A pastor is a gift to his flock:

- Watches for the souls of the flock (Hebrews 13:17)
- Feeds the flock (1 Peter 5:2)
- Ensample (pattern) for the flock to follow (1 Peter 5:3)
- Knows his sheep and is known by them (John 10:14)
- Seeks & rescues the one lost sheep (Luke 15:4-6)
- Prays for the sick (James 5:14)
- Cares for the church (1 Peter 5:1-2)
- Watches out for wolves (Acts 20:29-31)
- Gives his life for the flock (John 10:10-11)

6) _____ your pastors

1 Timothy 5:19

7) Hold your pastors _____

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1 Timothy 5:19-20

James 3:1

2 Samuel 24:17

III. CALLED TO AVOID: _____

Parachurch Equipping

Parachurch Authority