



Basic Bible Course  
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The ORGANIZATION & GOVERNMENT  
of the CHURCH



Lesson Twenty-Six

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Questions on Lesson

1. From your study of the New Testament, do you find any organization of any kind as OVER or BETWEEN the congregations of Christ on earth? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, cite the Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_
2. According to the New Testament, who is the HEAD of the church? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Under Jesus, does the New Testament authorize other officials over the congregations in the worldwide sense? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, cite proof: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Under Christ, list five terms describing various concepts authorized by the New Testament for the church universal: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
5) \_\_\_\_\_
5. List the passages of the New Testament authorizing the following officers in the church: pope, cardinal, archbishop, archdeacon: \_\_\_\_\_
6. In the event you cannot list any Scriptures authorizing the foregoing, please explain whether they are SCRIPTURAL or UNSCRIPTURAL: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Organizationally speaking, what is the largest unit of the church in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. How many "offices" are listed in the New Testament for the local congregation? \_\_\_\_\_ Name them: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. When a church is organized as taught in the New Testament, list the officers it has: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 10. When a congregation develops to the point it can appoint elders and deacons, which brethren have the rule?  
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- 11. List four other names meaning the same office as ELDER:  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. List three theories of church government, invented by man, now in use among so-called Christian churches, not taught in God's Word: 1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. How does the EPISCOPAL theory of church government differ from the teaching of the New Testament?  
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- 14. Is the PRESBYTERIAL form of church government, as practiced, the same as found in the New Testament?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If not, point out the difference: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 15. When a congregation develops to the point of having elders and deacons, are matters to be decided by CONGREGATIONAL vote? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, then how? \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Does the church still have APOSTLES and PROPHETS living today? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 17. Define the word "evangelist": \_\_\_\_\_
- 18. Do evangelists, preachers, ministers or teachers have an "OFFICE" in the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
Cite proof: \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. What function is performed by DEACONS? \_\_\_\_\_
- 20. In the New Testament, which is authorized? A plurality of bishops and deacons WITHIN A SINGLE CONGREGATION OR a plurality of CONGREGATIONS under A SINGLE BISHOP? \_\_\_\_\_  
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DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? \_\_\_\_\_  
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