

I. Christ is the Only Head of the Church

- A. Ephesians 1:22-23 God made Christ to be head over all things to the church.
- B. Ephesians 5:23-24 The church is to be in subjection to the will of Christ.
- C. Matthew 28:18 Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth.

II. Other Leadership Positions in the Church Appointed by Christ (Ephesians 4:7&11)

- A. Apostles (Acts 1:1-5&8; 2:42-43; 4:33; 5:12-13; 8:14-21)
- B. Prophets (I Corinthians 12:8-10)
- C. Evangelists (II Timothy 4:1-5; 2:2; Acts 20:17-21)
- D. Pastors and Teachers
 - 1. "Pastors" - Gr. - poimen - one who shepherds a flock
I Peter 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-12
 - 2. "Elders" - Shepherds of the church were also called "elders" (Acts 20:17&28)
Gr. - presbuteros - an older man
Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5
 - 3. "Bishops" - Elders were also called "bishops" (Acts 20:17&28; Titus 1:5&7)
Gr. - episkopos - an overseer or superintendent
 - 4. These men had no larger sphere of authority and "oversight" than the local congregation where they served. (I Peter 5:2)
 - 5. Their qualifications (I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9)
- E. Deacons
 - 1. The New Testament also mentions another position of service in the church
 - 2. "Deacons" - Gr. - diakonos - a servant (Philippians 1:1)
 - a. Those who assist in physical needs (Acts 6:1-6)
 - b. Their qualifications (I Timothy 3:8-13)

III. With These Six Positions of Leadership, Every Need of the Church Is Met

- A. There is one supreme head of the church, with all authority, ruling in heaven.
- B. There were earthly ambassadors whose traditions for the church were set for all time.
- C. There were those through whom God revealed His timeless, inspired revelations.
- D. There are those who take that message to the masses of the world who are lost.
- E. There are those who care for the spiritual needs of the saved.
- F. There are those who care for the physical needs of the helpless.