

Sunday School

Exposition of the Second London Baptist Confession Chapter 26: Of the Church

The Work of Preaching (11)

11. Although it be incumbent on the bishops or pastors of the churches, to be instant in preaching the word, by way of office, yet the work of preaching the word is not so peculiarly confined to them but that others also gifted and fitted by the Holy Spirit for it, and approved and called by the church, may and ought to perform it.

- A. Pastors must labor in the Word
1 Tim. 5:17-18

- B. Other gifted men may preach
(Not restricted to elders/ordained clergy)
 - 1. Gifted and fitted by the Holy Spirit
 - 2. Approved and called by the church

The Discipline of the Church (12-13)

12. As all believers are bound to join themselves to particular churches, when and where they have opportunity so to do; so all that are admitted unto the privileges of a church, are also under the censures and government thereof, according to the rule of Christ.

- A. Believers are bound to join a local church
When and where they have opportunity to do

- B. Admitted to the privileges of the church

- C. Under the censures and government thereof, according to the rule of Christ

13. No church members, upon any offence taken by them, having performed their duty required of them towards the person they are offended at, ought to disturb any church order, or absent themselves from the assemblies of the church, or administration of any ordinances, upon the account of such offence at any of their fellow members, but to wait upon Christ, in the further proceeding of the church.

- A. The assumptions
 - 1. A member is sinned against by another member



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2. They have performed their duty towards the offender
They followed Matt.18:15-17
 3. Unclear??? What happened next????
Sam W suggests the church has not acted (yet) or to their satisfaction.
The church should be led by faithful men, but they will always be fallible.
- B. The prohibitions (upon the account of such offense at any of their fellow members)
1. Shall not disturb any church order
How can we disturb church order?
 2. Or absent themselves from the assembly
 3. Or from the administration of any ordinance
- C. They are to wait on Christ in the further proceeding of the church

Conclusion

