

The Importance of Biblical Church Government (part 2)

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Intro:

I. Types of Church Government (last sermon)

II. The Extent of Church Authority

- A.** Christ is the only sovereign head of the church (Eph. 1:20-23; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 1 Pet. 5:2-4), and His Word alone can be the authority of the church
- B.** A Church Constitution acts as a limiting, federal (covenantal) document (Neh. 9:38-10:39).
- C.** Enumerated Powers (1 Cor. 4:6; Deut. 12:32; 2 Cor. 10:13-16)
- D.** Limited Powers (2 Corinthians 10:13-16)
- E.** Delegated Powers (with Christ – John 12:49; 14:10; with apostles Luke 9,10; 2 Cor. 13:10; with officers – Heb. 13:17; Tit. 1:9-10; 2 Tim.; with congregation - 1 Cor. 4:6)
- F.** Separation of Powers (2 Cor. 10:13-16; Acts 13; 15; 3 John 9-10; etc.)
- G.** Concurrent Powers (Ex. 24:11; 1 Pet 5:5; Acts 20:11,17-38; etc.)
- H.** Exclusive Powers (2 Tim. 4:5; 2 Cor. 10:13-16; 2 Chron. 26:18; etc., etc.)