

The Church: Nature, Marks, and Purpose

I. The Church in C_____ with Old Testament People of God

Ephesians 5:25-27

John 10:11, 16

1 Peter 2:9-10

II. The Church D_____ with Old Testament People of God

Matthew 16:18 \

Acts 1:4-5

Ephesians 1:22-23

1 Corinthians 12:13

Ephesians 2:11-18

Ephesians 3:4-6

III. The M_____ of the Church

Calvin said, “Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ’s institution, there, it is not to be doubted, a church of God exists.”

Belgic Confession Article 29 “The true church can be recognized if it has the following marks: The church engages in the pure preaching of the gospel; it makes use of the pure administration of the sacraments as Christ instituted them; it practices church discipline for correcting faults. In short, it governs itself according to the pure Word of God, rejecting all things contrary to it and holding Jesus Christ as the only Head. By these marks one can be assured of recognizing the true church-- and no one ought to be separated from it.”

IV. The P_____ of the Church

a. F_____

Ephesians 2:19-22

John 1:12-13

1 Corinthians 7:15

b. B_____ and B_____

2 Corinthians 11:2

c. B_____

Romans 12:4-6 \

V. The P_____ of the Church

a. E_____ of God

Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 3:21

b. E_____ the Saints

Ephesians 4:11-13

c. E_____ of World

Matthew 28:18-20