

FORMATIVE CHURCH DISCIPLINE [070923S]

INTRODUCTION

1. Upcoming schedule for July.
2. 'Discipline' is closely related to 'disciple'.

1st: Church Order and Church Membership

1. Mat 28:18-20 blueprint for apostle's fndtn laying: Acts
2. Organization & organism.
3. Love is the essence of discipleship & churchmanship.
 - i. Jn 13:34-35
 - ii. Eph 4:1-7
 - iii. v8-13 - v14-16
4. Assembly: ecclesia - called out assembly
5. Disciples seeking to obey Jesus *voluntarily* [Ps110.3a], vows of love: promises - Prv 20:25.
6. Delineated membership - 1C11:33
7. Means of grace - Article VI, Sect 1, Para 1 - Formative
 - i. Lear & practicee rudimentary exercises of Gospel love. Love of Father [Hb 12:7, 6a].
8. Eph 2:10

2nd: Church Authority and Church Power

1. Authority of King Jesus - Eph 1:20-23
2. Spiritual power - Jn 18:36
3. The HS empowers theWord [1C 14:37] enables sheep to follow Jesus. Eph 1:18-23. "Formative discipline"

3rd: Church Government and Church Action

1. Two offices: elder and deacon.
2. Actions requiring the whole body to work together - I Thes 5:11-14

Applic: Is it Biblical to be a Disciple of Jesus and Not a Member of His Church?

1. Ps 122 - THB #280 "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord."