



Basic Bible Course
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The ORGANIZATION & GOVERNMENT
of the CHURCH



Lesson Twenty-Six

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Questions on Lesson

1. From your study of the New Testament, do you find any organization of any kind as OVER or BETWEEN the congregations of Christ on earth? _____ If yes, cite the Scripture: _____
2. According to the New Testament, who is the HEAD of the church? _____
3. Under Jesus, does the New Testament authorize other officials over the congregations in the worldwide sense? _____ If yes, cite proof: _____
4. Under Christ, list five terms describing various concepts authorized by the New Testament for the church universal: 1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____
5) _____
5. List the passages of the New Testament authorizing the following officers in the church: pope, cardinal, archbishop, archdeacon: _____
6. In the event you cannot list any Scriptures authorizing the foregoing, please explain whether they are SCRIPTURAL or UNSCRIPTURAL: _____
7. Organizationally speaking, what is the largest unit of the church in the New Testament? _____

8. How many "offices" are listed in the New Testament for the local congregation? _____ Name them: _____

9. When a church is organized as taught in the New Testament, list the officers it has: _____

- 10. When a congregation develops to the point it can appoint elders and deacons, which brethren have the rule?

- 11. List four other names meaning the same office as ELDER:
1) _____ 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____
- 12. List three theories of church government, invented by man, now in use among so-called Christian churches, not taught in God's Word: 1) _____
2) _____ 3) _____
- 13. How does the EPISCOPAL theory of church government differ from the teaching of the New Testament?

- 14. Is the PRESBYTERIAL form of church government, as practiced, the same as found in the New Testament?
_____ If not, point out the difference: _____

- 15. When a congregation develops to the point of having elders and deacons, are matters to be decided by CONGREGATIONAL vote? _____ If not, then how? _____
- 16. Does the church still have APOSTLES and PROPHETS living today? _____ Explain: _____

- 17. Define the word "evangelist": _____
- 18. Do evangelists, preachers, ministers or teachers have an "OFFICE" in the church? _____
Cite proof: _____
- 19. What function is performed by DEACONS? _____
- 20. In the New Testament, which is authorized? A plurality of bishops and deacons WITHIN A SINGLE CONGREGATION OR a plurality of CONGREGATIONS under A SINGLE BISHOP? _____

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION? _____

