

Series: Church Leadership (Part 1)

Sermon: His Establishment

Passage: various

Image:

Need: While no form of church government is prescribed in detail scripturally, and no form is without fault, every local church must recognize to whom it belongs and by whom it is to be led.

I. He Holds the Deed

- In the OT we see that Israel belongs to God (**Lev. 26:12**)
- In the NT we see that the church also belongs to God (**Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 2:10, Matt. 16:18**)

II. He is Owner/Operator

- Christ is the head (CEO Chief Everything Officer) (**Eph. 1:22, Col. 1:18, Eph. 5:23-24**)

III. He Raises Up Representatives

- In the OT:
 - i. Patriarchs - Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph
 - ii. Individuals - Moses, Joshua, Nehemiah, Ezra, Zerubabal,
 - iii. Judges - Samuel, Samson, Gideon
 - iv. Kings - Saul, David, Ahab, Hezekiah,
- In the NT:
 - v. Apostles
 - vi. Leaders (**1 Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11-13, Col. 1:24-25, 1 Tim. 3:5, Acts 20:28**)

IV. He Values Plurality (Numbers 11:16-17; Prov. 15:22; 24:6; 11:14)

V. Some Applicational Consideration:

- No human representatives are to “run” the church.
- No local church is “ours” or “mine” or “theirs” or “his.”
- This local body is just one small, but important, part of God’s masterpiece - His Church.