**Ecclesiology**

**I. THE CHURCH – ITS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 A. The church is, based on the words used to describe it, a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of believers who belong to the Lord.

 B. The Christian church is a New Testament institution beginning **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and ending with the rapture.

 C. The church is a habitation or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  for God’s Spirit (Eph. 2:20, 21).

 D. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is to worship and glorify God (Eph. 1:4-6), evangelize the lost (Matt. 28:19, 20), disciple believers to Christ’s likeness (Eph. 4:11-15), and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and His Word (Acts 1:8).

 E. The word **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** can refer to both a local body or the universal church.

 1. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 a. Comprised **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from Pentecost to the Rapture (1 Cor. 12:13, 27; Eph. 2:19-22; Acts 2:1-4, 47; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)

 b. It forms the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Christ.

 2. The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 a. The local church is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of believers in a certain location (Acts 2:41, 47; 11:22; 13:1; Philippians 1:1).

 b. Through these **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, Christ accomplishes His work.

**II. CHRIST’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TO THE CHURCH**

 A. He foretold its **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  (Matt. 16:16-18).

 B. He is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (1 Cor. 3:11).

 C. He **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  the church with His blood (Acts 20:28).

 D. His **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is building the church (Matt. 16:18).

 E. The church is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and, as such, is an organism, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. (Eph. 5:30).

 F. He is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18; 2:19).

 G. As head of the church, Christ **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Eph. 5:23, 24); is the source of life and fullness (Eph. 1:23); and, is the cause of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Eph. 4:15; Col. 2:19).

 H. The church **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7).

**III. ITS \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 A. The church is composed of believers who have been “called-out” from the world and are under the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41, 42).

 B. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** are requirements for church membership (Acts 2:41-42).

 C. Sin should be dealt with within the church with those **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** being disciplined by the church (Matt. 18:15-17; 1 Cor. 5:1, 5, 11-13).

 - The purpose of this discipline is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  the individual and to maintain **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (2 Thess. 3:14-15).

**IV. THE CHURCH’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 A. The Bible teaches two distinct offices in the church (pastor and deacon).

 B. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 1. Names for and characteristics of the pastor

 a. The words **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** all appear to refer to the same office (1 Pet. 5:1-4).

 b. These words have unique significance in describing the pastor.

 - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** refers to the maturity and leadership ability of the man (1 Tim. 5:17).

 - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** refers to the pastor’s responsibility as overseer (1 Peter 5:2).

 - **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** refers to the minister as shepherd over Christ’s people (Acts 20:28).

 2. The pastor’s qualifications

 - For a man to be a minister, he must meet the qualifications found in 1 Tim 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

C. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 - Deacons are an office in the church with the responsibility of serving Christ and lightening the burden of the pastor (Acts 6:2, 4).

 2. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 - For a man to be a deacon, he must meet the qualifications found in Acts 6:3, 5 and 1 Tim 3:8-13.

**V. THE CHURCH’S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

There are two ordinances of the church. These ordinances are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** no special grace.

 A. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Matt. 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38)

 1. The word “baptism” means *to place into*. The biblical pattern for baptism is by immersion (Acts 8:38, 39; John 3:23; Rom. 6:3-7).

 2. Baptism is only for those who have been **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Acts 2:41; 8:37; 10:47).

 3. Baptism symbolizes outwardly what **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**to believers at salvation.

 4. Baptism pictures the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**with Christ’s death, burial and resurrection (Matt. 28:19-20; Rom. 6:3-7; Col. 2:12).

B. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34)

 1. The supper symbolizes **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**--the bread representing His body, the drink representing His blood (1 Cor. 11:23-26; Matt. 26:26-30).

 2. Only those believers who are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**with Christ should partake of this ordinance (1 Cor. 11:23-30).

 3. This ordinance is to be practiced **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 11:24, 25).