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1 Peter 5:1–4



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LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

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acc masc plur comp older;
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**ποιμαίνω *poimainō* aor act impera 2
plur to shepherd, feed**

**ἐπισκοπέω *episkopeō* pres act part
masc plur nom to manage, oversee,
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**What the Bible Teaches
About**

***The Church
Ecclesiology***



Questions

- 1. Terminology**
- 2. When did the Church begin?**
- 3. How did leadership develop in the early Church as described in Acts?**
- 4. How did leadership develop in the early centuries of the Church Age?
What are the 3 basic forms of Church government?**
- 5. What are the Scriptural terms used for biblical leaders?**
- 6. What are the roles of deacons and elders?**

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- b. *MM*: It is the Septuagint (LXX) term for
the community of Israel, whether
assembled or no. In the Gospels the
word is confined to Matt. 16:18; 18:17.**

Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Matt. 18:17, “And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church [assembly]. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

In the Old Testament, *qahal*, “congregation,” is always translated with *ekklesia*.

Abott-Smith: 1. prop., *an assembly of citizens regularly convened (in Thuc., ii, 22, opp. to σύλλογος, a concourse): Acts 19:32, 39, 41.*

2. In LXX of the assembly, congregation, community of Israel (Deut. 4:10; 23:2, al.)

3. In New Testament, esp. of an assembly or company of Christians, a (the) church

BDAG, Greek Lexicon

- 1. a regularly summoned legislative body, assembly, Acts 19:39**
- 2. a casual gathering of people, an assemblage, gathering, Acts 19:32, 40**
- 3. people with shared belief, community, congregation**

The Universal Church, the Body of Christ

Col. 1:24, “I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,”

Col. 2:19, “and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.”

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

1 Cor. 12:27, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

Eph. 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;”

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1. The Church did not exist in the Old Testament. Paul makes it clear that it was not foreseen or prophesied, but was a “mystery,” a previously unrevealed truth, that Jew and Gentile would be united in one body.

Eph. 3:2, “if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

Eph. 3:3, “how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

Eph. 3:4, “by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),”

Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

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Eph. 2:21, “in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,”

Eph. 2:12, “that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

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Matt. 16:18, “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matt. 16:19, “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Eph. 2:19, “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

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1 Pet. 2:4, “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

1 Pet. 2:5, “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Pet. 2:6, “Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’

1 Pet. 2:7, “Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone,’ ”