

Christian Doctrine
Pillars of Faith
Ecclesiology # 8

Introduction:

Ecclesiology is the study of the church.
Christ loves His church and died for it.

1. The Church's Foundation Matthew 28:16-28

- A. Man's proverbial doubt vs.17
- B. God's Power vs. 18
- C. God's Program vs. 19-20
 - 1. Go
 - 2. Make Disciples
 - 3. Baptize
- D. God's Presence vs.20

2. The Church's Formation Acts 2:42-47

- A. Devoted
 - 1. Teaching
 - 2. Fellowship (koinonia)
 - 3. Ate together
 - 4. Prayed together

3. The Church's Functioning

- A. Elders
 - 1. Understanding the term
- 2. Plurality of Elders
 - 3. Qualifications 1 Timothy 3:2-3, Titus 1:7-8
 - 4. Elders job
- B. Deacons
 - 1. Term
 - 2. Qualifications 1 Timothy 3
- C. Laity
 - 1. Membership
 - 2. Works of service
 - 3. Reasons to serve

4. The Church's Fight Against Sin Matthew 18:15-20

- A. Restoration
- B. Confronting sin
- C. Protection of the church
- D. Forms of church discipline
- E. To demonstrate the church's commitment to God's standard and the gospel

5. The Church's Furthering of the Gospel Our Values.

- God's Plans More Than Our Plans
- God's Truth More Than Our Opinions
- God's People More Than Our Programs
- God's Mission More Than Our Comfort

Conclusion

"Every believer is commanded to be plugged into a local church" David Jeremiah