

## Doctrine Ch. 10

### Ch. 10: The Church

#### Introduction:

I have come with one purpose/to capture for myself a bride/by my life she is lovely/by my death she's justified -D. Webb

Discussion: How does a marriage reflect Christ and His church? Hosea 1:2-3

#### Examination:

1. What is the church and what is its purpose?
2. Distinguish between the local and catholic churches.
3. Why is the leadership structure of the church important? What are the three offices described in scripture? P321
4. What are the two major areas of responsibility for our pastor/elder? P.319
5. Why is church membership important? Is it scriptural?

The typical church membership roll includes names of persons who may have left the congregation years ago and are presently attending another church or no church at all. Once a person has been baptized into a local church of a particular denomination, he generally remains a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc., regardless of whether he ever attends church again. To help mitigate the embarrassment and to avoid the difficulties entailed in proper biblical oversight, modern churchmen devised the idea of an *inactive roll*. This improvisation further diminished the value of a church roll by constituting the legitimate status of "inactive Christian," one who is supposedly beyond the scope of church discipline. – Stephen Pribble

6. What position/role do children have in the church?
7. What relationship should the church have to politics in any given nation? Should we attempt to legislate morality?
8. What are the seven marks of a biblical church, as outlined in the book?

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9. If Christ alone builds His church, then why do we have church building meetings, conferences and books? In what ways do we attempt to take this important responsibility of church-building on ourselves?
  10. What is the gospel?
  11. What role does preaching have in the local assembly of believers?
  12. What is expository preaching? What are other forms? How do they compare?
  13. What are the two types of church discipline? Why are they vital to a healthy church? Why is it missing from most churches as a regular practice?

#### Application:

1. What views of the church have you had that were challenged by this chapter?
2. As a believer, have you ever strayed from the church? For what reasons?
3. What process did you have to go through in order to become a member of your church? Assess that process critically.
4. Critique: "Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior?"
5. In what ways do we need the local church?
6. What criteria should you use to find a new church, should you ever need to?
7. How does a marriage reflect Christ and His church? Hosea 1:2-3