

**CHURCH SERIES: Local Church Government**

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UNIVERSAL	CHURCH	GOVERNMENT	LOCAL
AUTHORIZED	WORK	COLLECTIVELY	ELDERS
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OFFICE	DEACON	PASTORS	WATCH
BEHALF	SOULS	HOLY	TEND

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**September 5<sup>th</sup> Answers**

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## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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Meeting Location

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### Where Sin Will Take You #2

Sin is defined by such terms as lawlessness, iniquity, transgression of law, and unrighteousness, but what the definitions do not tell us are the consequences that sin has on the physical, emotional, and spiritual psyche of man's nature.

As a result of sin, mankind's sojourn on earth has been plagued with heartache, deceit, and death: both spiritually and physically. Societies have plummeted to the depths of destruction due to lawlessness, iniquity and unrighteousness.

What will sin do for you? "Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay." (Continued Pg. 2)

As we continue to consider the events of David and Bathsheba, we find that David's actions weighed heavily upon his emotional psyche, and thus his physical well-being. As David reflected upon this event, he recorded the following, in one of his many Psalms: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions; And my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, And done that which is evil in thy sight; That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest, And be clear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:1-4).

In another Psalm, though no indication it speaks of this event, the sentiments are timely, as David said, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. When I kept silence, my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: My moisture was changed as with the drought of summer. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, And mine iniquity did I not hide: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah; And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Psalm 32:1-5). As sin takes a man farther than he wants to go, so it will also keep him longer than he wants to stay.

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### **Solomon Says**

*Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Proverbs 29:18

## **Local Church Government**

### **I. Government:**

- A. Isa. 9:6-7 – "the government shall be upon his shoulders"
- B. Defined: rule, dominion (BDB)

### **II. Two types of rule, and/or dominion:**

- A. Sovereign:
  - 1. Gen. 2:16-17 – By virtue of creation
  - 2. Jonah 1:2 – All nations subject to
- B. Delegated:
  - 1. Gen. 1:28 – Given to man
  - 2. Matt. 28:1 – Christ given all
  - 3. Example:
    - a. Acts 20:17 – Elder to flock
    - b. Eph. 6:1-3 – Parent to children

### **III. The Term Church:**

- A. Matt. 16:18 – Universal
- B. 1 Cor. 1:2 - Local

### **IV. Universally:** There is no authority through which the church, universally, is authorized to work collectively.

### **V. Local church government:**

- A. Acts 20:17 – elders of the church
- B. Acts 20:28 – Bishops to feed the flock, in which the Holy Spirit hath made you Bishops.
- C. 1 Pet. 5:1-2; 1 Tim. 5:17-18 – Elders to tend the flock "which is among you." "to *tend* as a shepherd" Strong's
- D. Titus 1:5-7 – Elders/bishops
- E. 1 Tim. 3:1; Phil. 1:1 – Office of a bishop
- F. 1 Tim. 3:8, Phil. 1:1 – Deacons
- G. Eph. 4:11; Heb. 13:20 – "Pastors," i.e., "a *shepherd*"

### **VI. Heb. 13:17-** "watch in behalf of your souls"