



Why?

do we need church government?

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

- **Matthew 11:28-30**

I will give you the keys of heaven's kingdom realm to forbid on earth that which is forbidden in heaven, and to release on earth that which is released in heaven."

- **Matthew 16:19 TPT**

"Binding" - to restrict, confine, limit
and in a legal sense "forbid something"

"Loosing" - to unbind, to untie, to
free, to release which in a legal sense
means "permit something"

**What you get saved into
is more important than
what you were saved out of**

**The church is God's supernatural
plan - it needs supernatural
leadership**

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of **this mystery**, which for ages past was **kept hidden in God**, who created all things. 10 **His intent was that now, through the church**, the **manifold wisdom of God** should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **Ephesians 3:8-12**

6 We do, however, speak **a message of wisdom** among the mature, but **not the wisdom of this age** or of **the rulers of this age**, who are coming to nothing. 7 No, we declare **God's wisdom, a mystery** that has **been hidden** and that God **destined for our glory before time began**. 8 **None of the rulers of this age understood it**, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “**wisdom**” does not come down from heaven but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic**. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

- **James 3:13-17**

14 Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, 15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household**, which is **the church of the living God**, the **pillar and foundation of the truth**.

- 1 Timothy 3:14-15

**Jesus gave attentive skilled
servants to prepare His beloved
bride for His return**

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists,
the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service,
so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in
the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become
mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

- **Ephesians 4:11-13**

Jesus instructions to His bride

- **Respect them as skilled servants** - 1 Thessalonians 5:12, 1 Timothy 3:2
- **Lovingly hold them in high regard** - 1 Thessalonians 5:13
- **Obey them and submit to their authority** - Romans 13:7, Hebrews 13:17
- **Pay them honorably** - 1 Timothy 5:17
- **Imitate their faith** - Hebrews 13:7
- **Pray for them** - 1 Timothy 2:1-3

Jesus instructions to the attendants of His bride

- **Equip her** - Ephesians 4:12
- **Build her up** - Ephesians 4:12
- **Protect her** - Acts 20:28-29
- **Be examples for her** - Philippians 4:9, 1 Corinthians 4:17
- **Serve her** - 2 Corinthians 4:5
- **Lay your life down for her** - 2 Corinthians 4:12, Colossians 1:24, 2 Corinthians 6:10, Philippians 2:17