

# SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY - ECCLESIOLOGY LESSON 3

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### CHURCH ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE / POLITY

If someone asked you about your church and its structure, how would you describe it?

- Authority is a big deal, so who/what is in charge?
- How many offices are there in the church?
- What are their respective roles?
- How do they relate to each other?

### A CASE FOR \_\_\_\_\_

It is a form of church order in which each local assembly is self-governing. In other words, each congregation internally manages its own affairs without the imposition of outside ecclesiastical or governmental authority.

### CHRIST IS THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND SOLE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

- Who is at the top of the food chain?
- How do you get access to God?

### CHURCHES ARE \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL ASSEMBLIES

- Who makes the decisions?
- Who is the highest human court of appeals?
- Who holds the “keys?”

### THREE COMPLEMENTARY SPHERES OF \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE CHURCH

- What are the three realms of authority?
- How do they interact with each other?

### A CHURCH IS AN ASSEMBLY OF \_\_\_\_\_ BELIEVERS

- How does baptism play into this discussion?
- What about communion?