

word is used in a different shade of ~~xxxx~~ meaning. An overlapping shade, not a distinct meaning, but an overlapping shade of meaning. A visible church. For the moment we do not need to decide the question whether there is the visible church, as one thing, but certainly there is a visible church. There is no question of that. Many instances which might be given.

So that is number A, under 3, its existence proven. These ~~xxxxxxx~~ evidences, I think clearly prove its existence, but in addition to that we have the command that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. We have commands for the selection of officers and of officials. This ~~is~~ is, of course, more particularly in the ~~xxxxxxx~~ epistles. We have Paul directing Timothy and Titus to select officers in different cases. We have the apostles ~~xxxxxxx~~ exercising a jurisdiction, a leadership, over the church in Jerusalem, and then we have them establishing another group of officials whom they called the several.

(question) We might ask this question first. Where is evidence that they are to be....(9) It is a fact that Paul sent Titus and Timothy and that ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ Paul told Titus and Timothy to select elders in new churches, in new missionary churches. There is no evidence ~~xxxx~~ that he ever directed Titus or Timothy or even himself as appointed elders in establishing it. There is no evidence of his ever having done that. There is no evidence of his having said to Titus or Timothy, you are selecting these as my representatives. There is that which would seem to be implied there when he did. But there is certainly no evidence that he ever said to them, now these men that you select, they can select others. That is an inference, it is not a true thing. Now we want to look at evidences.

But the existence of ~~the~~ an ~~xxxx~~ organization, of individuals, a visible organization of individuals with officers, with directors, with methods of doing ~~xxxx~~ things, with ~~xx~~ particular times to assemble themselves, with sacraments which they carry on is something which can not be denied in the N.T. as having been done. There ~~is~~ is a visible church. Now, sacraments I did not mention under the church universal, simply because they would seem to require