

Change (Part 2)

Proverbs 24:21 "My son, fear thou Jehovah and the king; (And) company not with them that are given to change"

Some Who Wanted Change

- Adam and Eve wanted change. Genesis 2-3
- Aaron changed God's plan by making a golden calf for the people to worship. Exodus 32:1-6
 - cf. Acts 20:28ff, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch" Matthew 15:14 KJV
- Moses wanted change. Numbers 20:8-12; Deuteronomy 32:51-52.
- Judas wanted change. Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-5; Titus 1:11; 2 Peter 2:3; 1 Timothy 6:5.

Some Who Wanted Change

- Alexander and Hymenaeus wanted change. 1 Timothy 1:20
- Demas wanted change. 2 Timothy 4:10

■ Apostasy Prophesied

Acts 20:28-30; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-10;
1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Peter 2:1-3;
1 John 2:19-20

Departure In Organization

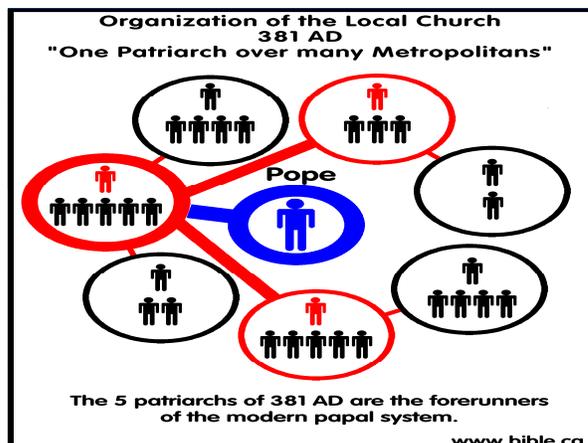
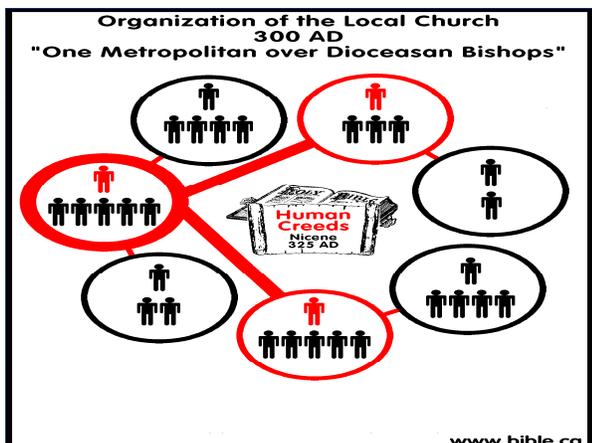
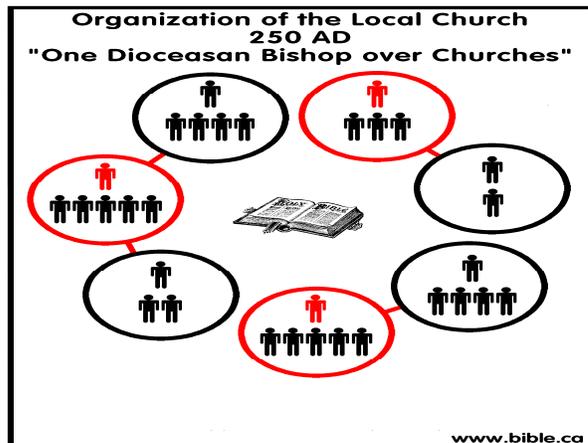
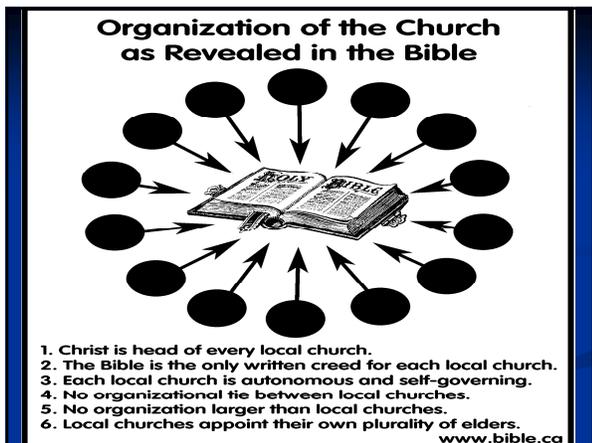
The Bible Teaches ...

Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). There is no human head of the church.

Each local church is autonomous and self-governing (1 Peter 5:2).

Elders in every church. Acts 14:23

Qualifications. Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-7



Departure In Worship

Need For Study

- “The elders want to provide you with a statement about a question that may have been raised. That question has to do with the use of musical instruments in our worship. After many months of careful study and consideration, the elders unanimously concluded that there is no Biblical prohibition of the use of mechanical instruments in worship.” (The Elders of Oak Hills Church of Christ, San Antonio, TX)
- Appeared in Oak Hills Bulletin, September 5, 1999

Need For Study

- “We recognize the issue as a matter of diverse opinion and feel that any discussion in the future should be conducted in a manner that avoids division. We merely want to state that consensus to you today without any prediction of what that means to our worship services. Our worship style may or may not change, but we are in no hurry to change.” (The Elders of Oak Hills Church of Christ, San Antonio, TX)
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Need For Study

- “We are highly sensitive to your feelings, and we want to hear your thoughts and wishes. Talk to your elders about it. Your feedback will help us as we intend to offer teaching on this matter. We are insistent on allowing God, through our prayers, to lead us in all aspects of our church family.” (The Elders of Oak Hills Church of Christ, San Antonio, TX)
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Need For Study

- “Most Churches of Christ feature only a cappella singing, a tradition King said (*Vic King, minister of missions and outreach, mg*) is based on the absence of the use of instruments in the N.T. churches. But for the first time, Oak Hills will add instruments to a new Sunday evening service, which will be geared toward young adults and will begin early next year.” (San Antonio Express-News, Saturday, September 6, 2003)

Learning From The Past

History Of Instrumental Music In Worship

“The Greek word ‘psallo’ is applied among the Greeks of modern times exclusively to sacred music, which in the Eastern Church has never been any other than vocal, instrumental music being unknown in that church, as it was in the primitive church...” (McClintock & Strong, Volume 8, page 739).

History Of Instrumental Music In Worship

“It is not, therefore, strange that instrumental music was not heard in their congregational services ... In the early church the whole congregation joined in the singing, but instrumental music did not accompany the praise” (W. D. Killen, *The Ancient Church*, pages 193, 423).

History Of Instrumental Music In Worship

The *American Encyclopedia* says, “Pope Vitalian is related to have first introduced organs into some of the churches of Western Europe about 670 but the earliest trustworthy account is that of one sent as a present by the Greek emperor Constantine Copronymus to Pepin, king of Franks in 755” (Volume 12, page 688).

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The *Chambers Encyclopedia* (Volume 7, page 112) says, “The organ is said to have been introduced into church music by Pope Vitalian in 666 A.D.”

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John Calvin, founder of the Presbyterian Church and an able student of Augustine’s doctrine, said, “Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, lighting up of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law” (Comment on Psalms 33).

Kinds Of Music

- Vocal Music
 - Singing
 - Humming
 - ~~Yodeling~~
- Vocal Music
 - Singing
 - Psalms
 - Hymns
 - Spiritual Songs
 - Teaching & Admonishing (Colossians 3:16)
 - Speaking ... (Ephesians 5:19)

Change Condemned

- Galatians 1:6-9
- 2 John 9
- 1 Peter 4:11
- 1 Corinthians 4:17