

functions which no N.T. bishop ever had. And if you are going to find any N.T. evidence of any such functions, you will find it in the apostles. But these churches do not claim that the apostleship is continued, they do not use the word, they call themselves bishops. That is a very interesting fact.

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Well, now, that was the third point. Now I went on to start talking about g, but I don't like to confuse your notes by going back and inserting here, but I do think that it is desirable at this point to do so. I am sorry that ~~h~~ I overlooked that. I had it on another sheet, here, which I may have passed over and went to the one which had g on it. So, let us put it in. It certainly ought, for completeness, under f, be included. 4 is the various local churches/ seem to have been knit together in one body. But full details of their relationship to one another are ~~not~~ not clearly stated. This is similar to the points which we have had before. The N.T. does not give us a set of rules ~~for~~ for church govt. Ch/ govt. is clearly, in the N.T., not a thing set down and established and given us of God, it is a thing which is a growth applying to certain circumstances and conditions, and God gives us principles to apply. And one should apply them to conditions as they change. But this is a ~~principle~~ principle which is quite clear in the N.T. That the various local churches seem to have been knit together in one body.

Now as to evidence that they were knit together into one body, of course, the fact that the apostles were going about from one place to another, and establishing churches. The fact that Titus and Timothy had a very special function in selecting leaders for the churches. That ~~fact~~ goes a long way to demonstrate this fact, that the ~~fact~~ outstanding clear ~~evidence~~ evidence on this point is in Acts 15. In Acts 15 we have the great problem before the church, and the problem was brought to a gathering at a central place. And there at this gathering, at this central place, in Acts 15, we have there the ~~apostles~~ apostles and ~~the others~~ the others ~~coming~~ coming together. This is not a hierarchical meeting at which a pope, an archbishop, a one leader, makes a decision. Nor is it a meeting of the apostles as a group. It is the