

The Autonomy of the Local Church
II Tim 3:16–17; II Pet 1:3; Heb 8:5; II John 9–11

- I Christ Gave His Church Cong. Form of Govt.
Ax 14:23; Phil 1:1; Ax 20:28; I Pet 5:2–4; Heb 13:17; Titus 1:5
Excludes All Other Arrangements – Gen 4:5; Heb 11:4
Silence – Duet 29:29; II Cor 5:7; Rom 10:17

- II Local Cong. Only Medium N.T. Church Functions
Preaching – John 6:45; Rom 10:12–17; I Cor 1:21; Ax 11:22;
Phil 4:15–18; 1:7; I Cor 9:9,14
Benevolence -I Cor 16:1–3; II Cor 9:6–8; 8:1–6,16–24;
Rom 15:25–26; Ax 11:29–30

- III Christians Accomplish Mission Assigned Church L.C.
Ax 9:26–28; Rom 12:4–5; I Cor 3:9; Eph 4:15–16,1–3
Discipline – I Cor 5:1–13; II Thess 3:6–7,14–15; Josh 7:5
Worship – Heb 12:28; Jn 4:23–24; Ax 2:42; 20:7;
I Cor 11:17–22; Eph 5:19; Col 3:16–17;
I Cor 16:1–2; Heb 10:24–25
Build Up One Another – Heb 10:24; I Thess 5:11–14
All Responsible – Eph 4:15–16; Mt 25:14; II Cor 8:14

- IV No Inter-Congregational Alliances in N.T.
Jerusalem Church – Ax 2:44–45; 4:32–37
Precious Widows – Ax 1:3
Several Churches Supported Paul – II Cor 11:8; Phil 4:15–16
Several Churches Helped Poor – Rom 15:25–27; I Cor 16:3–4
Elders to Oversee Own Work – Ax 11:29–30; I Pet 5:2

- V No Church Ever Became Agent of Another Church
No Sponsoring Churches in N.T.
Agency Cannot Exist Without Subordination
No Missionary Society in N.T.
No Human Institutions to Do Work of the Church