



2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

Back to the Bible -Bobby Bates

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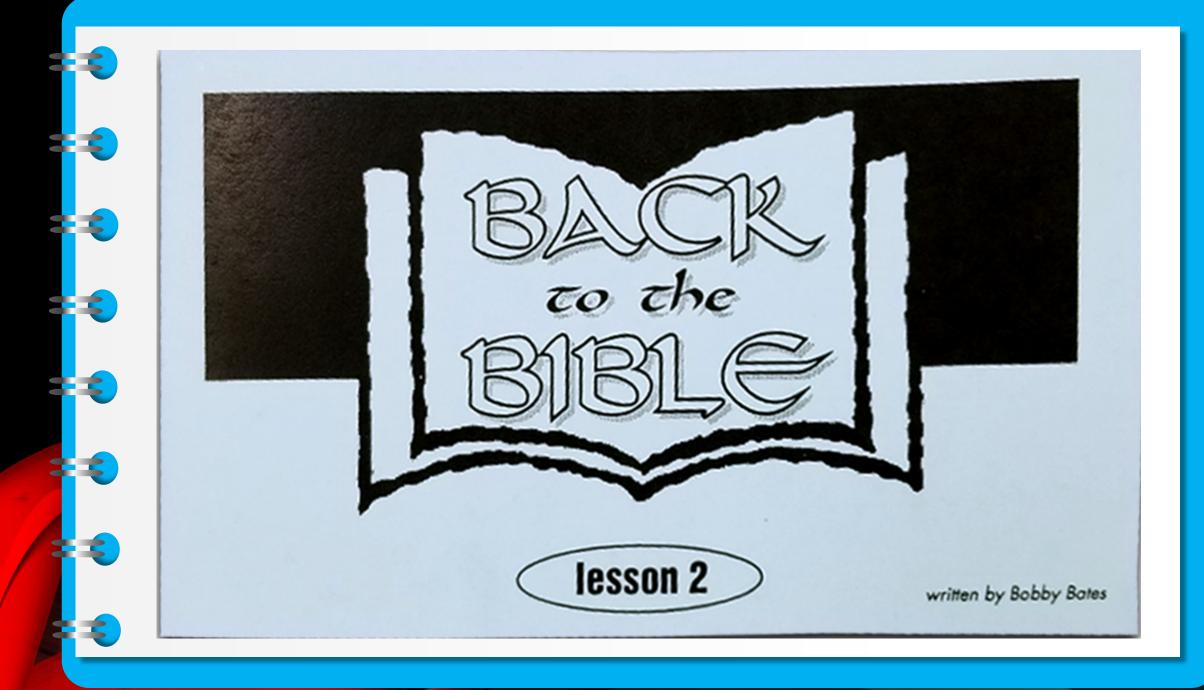
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- Based on the KJV but you can use any version.
- Requires Bible reading
- All answers from the text
- Follows the teach, baptize, and teach again order





INSTRUCTIONS Please read the scriptures aloud and then we will answer the questions under the scripture references.

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Matthew 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Who build the church? Jesus

To whom does the church belong? Jesus

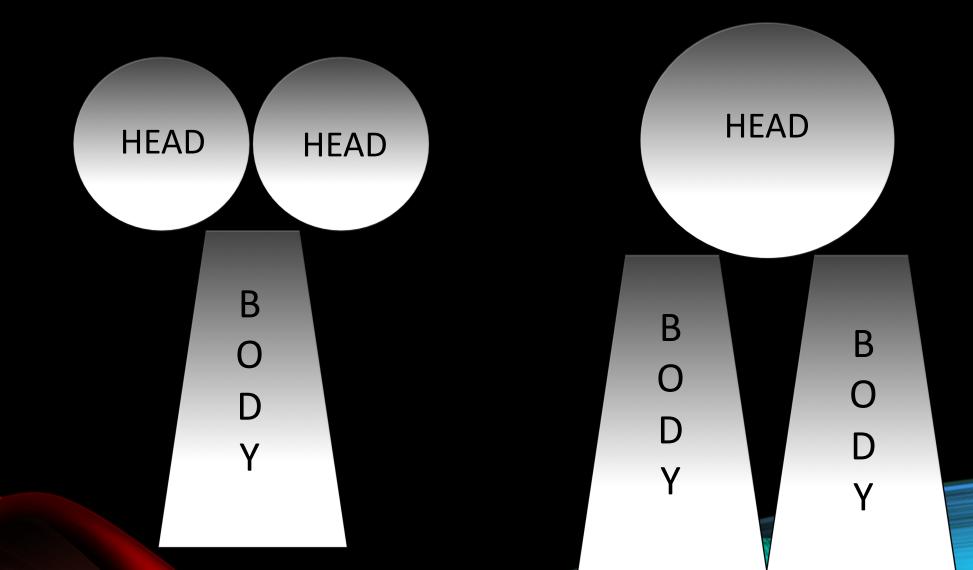
Did Jesus build churches (plural) or the church (singular)? Church

Ephesians 1:20-23

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Is Jesus the head over all things to the church? Yes

In versus 23 the church is also called his Body



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One Headed Figure

Ephesians 4:4

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling

Is there only one hope? Yes

Is there only one Holy Spirit? Yes

Is there only one body (church)? Yes

John 17:20-21

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.

Did Jesus pray that his followers all be one? Yes

1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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Is religious division condemned? Yes

Since religious division is condemned and since Jesus prayed that all his followers be one, must we strive to be one religiously? Yes

Colossians 1:18

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Since Jesus is the head of the church, the body, should we go to anyone other than Jesus and the inspired writers of the New Testament to learn the organization, worship and name of his church? <u>No</u>

Matthew 15:13

But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

If a church is not built in accordance with the Word of God, will it be rooted up? Yes

Acts 14:23

And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Did these inspired men ordain Elders in every church? Yes

Are we right if we do as they did in ordaining a plurality of Elders in every congregation Yes

Could we be wrong if we did NOT organize the church the way those inspired men of God did? <u>Yes</u>

Acts 20:17,28

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Are the Elders to be the overseers of the church? Yes

Titus 1:5-7

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:... For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

When Paul told Titus to set things in order, did he tell him to ordain Elders? Yes

When we do what Titus did in organizing the church, are we doing the will of God? Yes

Do the terms "Elders", "Bishop" and "Overseer" refer to the same office? <u>Yes</u>

1 Timothy 3:1-7

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife... Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Must an Elder be married? Yes

Must an Elder have children? Yes

May a recent convert (novice) serve as an Elder? No

1 Timothy 3:8-12

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre... And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

What church official is under discussion here? Deacons

Is it God's plan that there be qualified Elders and Deacons in every church? Yes

Philippians 1:1

Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons.

The Church at Philippi was organized with <u>Bishops</u> and <u>Deacons</u>

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