

THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING:

PUBLIC READING

WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF THE CHURCH?

“And they devoted themselves to _____
and _____, to _____ and
_____.”

- Acts 2:42

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“And they devoted themselves to *the apostle’s teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*”

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WHAT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF THE CHURCH?

- *The Apostle's Teaching* (Doctrine/Instruction/Word):
 - Public Preaching
 - Public Reading
 - Church Polity (Governance: Elders & Deacons)
 - Statement of Faith

PUBLIC PREACHING

- God *brings life* through His spoken Word (Genesis)
- God *orders* through His spoken Word (The Law)
- God *calls* through His spoken Word (Moses/Abram)
- The *pattern* of publically speaking God's words:
 - *Nehemiah 8:1-8; "Thus Says The LORD"*

PUBLIC PREACHING

- The *authority* of the Word affirmed by Christ (Matt 4)
- The *pattern* of preaching seen in the book of Acts
- The *command* to publically preach (2 Timothy 4:2)
- The *results* of public preaching (Romans 10:14-17)

PUBLIC READING: OT EXAMPLES

- Public Reading *commanded* (Deuteronomy 31:9-13).
- Public Reading *practiced* (Joshua 8:30-35).
- Public Reading in *renewal and reformation*:
 - 2 Kings 23:1-2.
 - Nehemiah 13:1-3.

PUBLIC READING: NT THEOLOGY

- Public Reading *on the Sabbath* (Luke 4:16-20).
- Public Reading *in the churches*:
 - Colossians 4:16
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:27
- Public Reading *prescribed* (1 Timothy 4:13).

PUBLIC READING: DIRECT FORMS

- *Call to Worship*. **Psalm 100**
- *Confession of Sin/Assurance*. **Psalm 51:4-5; 1 John 1:9**
- *OT/NT Reading*. **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**
- *Responsive*. **Psalm 136**
- *Benediction (Blessing)*. **Jude 24-25**

PUBLIC READING: INDIRECT FORMS

- *Hymns & Spiritual Songs.* **Ephesians 5:18-21**
- *Creeds & Confessions.* **Apostle's/Nicene** (1 Tim 3:16)
- *Prayers.* **Daniel 9**
- *Lord's Table.* **1 Corinthians 11**

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READER: *"This is the Word of the LORD."*

ALL: *"Thanks be to God."*

PERSONAL "LITURGY"

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your *spiritual worship*.”

- Romans 12:1

WHAT ABOUT "LITURGY?"

“[Liturgy simply described]... is the public way a church honors God in its times of gathered praise, prayer, instruction and commitment.”

- Brian Chapell, *Christ-Centered Worship*

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“Let *all things* be done for building up... For God is *not a God of confusion* but of peace... But *all things should be done decently and in order.*”

- 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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ALL: "*Thanks be to God.*" (Ephesians 5:20)

LITURGICAL EXAMPLES: MODERN

Opening Song(s)

Welcome & Announcements

Songs of Praise (3-4)

Sermon

Closing Song

Dismissal

LITURGICAL EXAMPLES: ROME

Entrance Hymn

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

OT Reading

Epistle Reading

Allelulia (sung)

Gospel Reading

Sermon

Nicene Creed (recited by all)

Offertory

Communion Preparation

Lord's Prayer

Kiss of Peace

Communion

Psalm Sung

Dismissal/Blessing

LITURGICAL EXAMPLES: REFORMATION

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

OT Reading

Responsorial Psalm

NT Reading

Psalm Sung

Confession & Intercession

Prayer

Sermon

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Psalm Sung

Offertory

Apostle's Creed (recited by all)

Communion

Psalm Sung

Benediction

LITURGICAL KEY ELEMENTS

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Confession of Sin

Prayer for Pardon/Assurance

Thanksgiving Hymn

Prayer of Intercession

Scripture Reading

Hymn of Testimony

Apostle's Creed (recited by all)

Responsive Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Hymn of Response

Communion/Lord's Table

Praise/Doxology Hymn

Benediction

ORDER OF SERVICE: WESTMOUNT BIBLE CHAPEL

Call to Worship

Song(s) of Praise

Offering Prayer

Song of Praise

Scripture Reading (OT or NT)

Song(s) of Praise

Lord's Table (primary)

Song of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer:

Confession/Assurance/Petition

Sermon

Lord's Table (alternate)

Song of Response

Benediction

PUBLIC READING: RENEWED AND UPCOMING

- *Responsorial Readings.*
- *Corporate Creed Confessions.*
- *Psalms sung. (i.e. Psalm 3)*
- *“Kiss of Peace”*

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- *Corporate Creed Confessions.*
- *Psalms sung. (i.e. Psalm 3)*
- *“Kiss of Peace”*. Post-service:
 - This Sunday table-fellowship returns!

QUESTIONS?