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Are You The “Pastor”?

Ephesians 4:11-16

“Pastor”

- ▶ English word **“Pastor”** used only once in NT
- ▶ Ephesians 4:11, “he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”



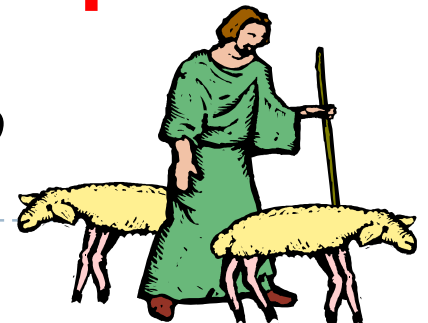
“Pastor”, incorrectly & unscripturally used universally for **“Preacher”**!



“Pastor”

- ▶ Greek word “**Poimen**”- “**Shepherd**”
- ▶ English word “**Pastor**”- “**Shepherd**”
- ▶ “**Shepherd**”, 17 times in New Testament
 - ▶ Used both literally & figuratively
 - ▶ Literal example: **Luke 2:8, 15, 18, 20**
 - ▶ Figurative example: **John 10:11, 14**
- ▶ **Ephesians 4:11**, “**Pastor**” means “**Shepherd**”

Who is a “**Pastor**”?



Position Described

“**Pastors**”, “**Shepherds**”, “**Elders**”,
“**Overseers**”, “**Presbyters**”, “**Bishops**”

Over a single local congregation

- ▶ **Acts 20:17**, Paul, “*from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.*”
- ▶ **Acts 20:28**, “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.”



Position Described

- ▶ **“Pastor”, “Shepherd” “Elder”, etc.**
 - ▶ I Peter 5:1-2, “The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind”
 - ▶ Acts 14:23, “when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.”



Pastors, Shepherds, Elders, etc.

▶ **How Many?**

- ▶ **Never singular, always plural**
- ▶ **No one man rule, no dictator, no ruler**
- ▶ **No over lording of the congregation**

▶ **What Do They Do?**

- ▶ **Shepherd or feed (teach) the flock**
- ▶ **Oversee the work**
- ▶ **Spiritually lead congregation**
- ▶ **Alert for “grievous wolves” false teachers**



Pastors, Shepherds, Elders, etc.

▶ What are the qualifications of “Pastors”

▶ I Timothy 3:1-7, Paul to Timothy

▶ Titus 1:5-9, Paul to Titus

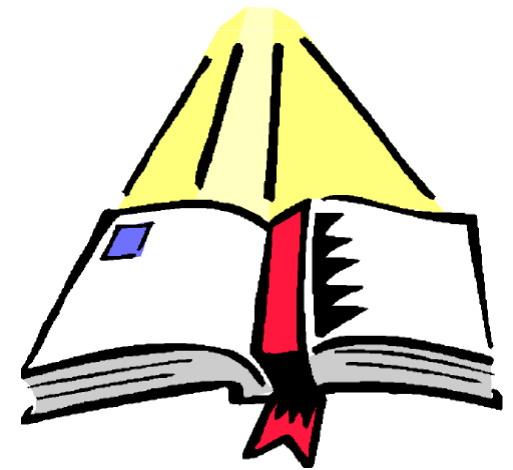
▶ I.E., Husband of one wife, Believing children

▶ Such qualifications eliminate...

▶ Single “Pastors”

▶ Childless “Pastors”

▶ Female “Pastors”



Therefore, many claim to be “Pastors”...



If not a “Pastor”, What?

▶ How about “Reverend” or “Father”?

▶ Psalm 111:9, “He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name.”



▶ Matthew 23:8-10, “call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.”

▶ Acts 10:26, “Stand up; I myself also am a man.”

A “Preacher”, is not a “Reverend/Father”!



If Not a “Pastor”, What?

- ▶ **“Evangelist”**-3 times in New Testament
 - ▶ Ephesians 4:11; Acts 21:8; 2 Timothy 4:5
- ▶ **The Work of an “Evangelist”**
 - ▶ Preach the word, 2 Timothy 4:1-5
 - ▶ Put the brethren in mind, 1 Timothy 4:6
 - ▶ Reprove sinners, 1 Timothy 5:19
 - ▶ Teach and train teachers, 2 Timothy 2:2
 - ▶ Teach against false doctrine, 1 Timothy 3:4
 - ▶ Set an example for the brethren, 2 Timothy 2:2
 - ▶ Attend to reading, exhortation, 1 Timothy 4:13



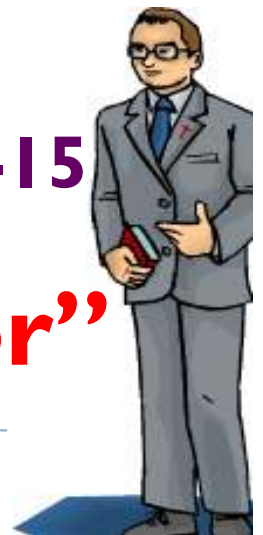
An “Evangelist” is not a “Pastor”



If Not a “Pastor”, What?

- ▶ **“Preacher”**, 6 times-O T, 5times-N T
- ▶ **“Preaching”**, 1 times-O T, 26 times-N T
 - ▶ Describes John’s ministry, **Matthew 3:1**
 - ▶ Describes Jesus’ ministry , **Matthew 4:17, 23**
 - ▶ Describes Paul & Phillip’s ministry, **Acts 8:5, 9:20**
- ▶ **Preacher’s Role: Greek-kerus=herald, proclaim**
 - ▶ **“preach the word”**, **2 Timothy 4:2**
 - ▶ **“preach the gospel of peace”**, **Romans 10: 14-15**

The “Preacher” is not a “Pastor”



If Not a “Pastor”, What?

- ▶ **“Minister”, Greek: “Diakonos”, “Servant”**
- ▶ **Deacons, I Timothy 3:8-12**
 - ▶ Special servants w/special qualifications
- ▶ **Every member, Romans 16:1**
 - ▶ Phoebe, Dorcas, Priscilla, Epaphroditus, etc.
- ▶ **“Preachers/Evangelists”**
 - ▶ Ministers of a New Covenant, 2 Corinthians 3:6
 - ▶ Ministers to the lost, 1 Corinthians 3:5
 - ▶ Ministers of God, 2 Corinthians 6:4
 - ▶ Ministers of Christ, 2 Corinthians 11:23
 - ▶ Ministers serving congregation, Romans 16:1



All “Ministers/Servants,” all w/different roles!



Conclusion



- ▶ **Who are “Pastors” ?**
- ▶ **Elders, Bishops, Overseers, Shepherds, Presbyters, Pastors (One in the Same)**
- ▶ **Only those qualified to serve congregation**
 - **Titus 1:5-9 & I Timothy 3:1-10**
- ▶ **Always plural, never one man**
- ▶ **Men desiring to feed & protect the congregation**

Who are not “Pastors”?

Preachers, Evangelists, & (Ministers)



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