

## 第四篇

### 因素四：基督的身體 和地方召會中的權柄

詩歌：

讀經：羅九 23，太二八 18，弗一 22 ~ 23，來四 16，啓四 2，二二 1 ~ 2

- 羅 9:23 且要在那些蒙憐憫、早豫備得榮耀的器皿上，彰顯祂榮耀的豐富；  
太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。  
弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向著召會作萬有的頭；  
弗 1:23 召會是祂的身體，是那在萬有中充滿萬有者的豐滿。  
來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，為要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。  
啓 4:2 我立刻就在靈裏；看哪，有一個寶座安置在天上，又有一位坐在寶座上。  
啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。  
啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

### 壹 神是至高的權柄；祂有一切的權柄—羅九 21 ~ 22：

- 羅 9:21 窯匠難道沒有權柄，從同一團泥裏，拿一塊作成貴重的器皿，又拿一塊作成卑賤的器皿麼？  
羅 9:22 若是神願意顯示祂的忿怒，彰顯祂的能力，就多用恆忍寬容那些可怒、豫備遭毀滅的器皿，

一 神的權柄實在就是神的本身；權柄是出自於神自己的所是—啓二二 1。

- 啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

二 所有的權柄—屬靈的、地位的、和行政的一都是來自於神—林後十 8，十三 10，約十九 10 ~ 11，創九 6。

- 林後 10:8 主賜給我們的權柄，是為建造，並不是為拆毀你們，我即

## Message Four

### The Factor of Authority in the Body of Christ and in the Local Churches

Hymns:

Scripture Reading: Rom. 9:23; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Heb. 4:16; Rev. 4:2; 22:1-2

Rom. 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,  
Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

#### I. God is the supreme authority; He has all authority—Rom. 9:21-22:

Rom. 9:21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?

Rom. 9:22 And what if God, wishing to demonstrate His wrath and make His power known, endured with much long-suffering vessels of wrath fitted for destruction,

#### A. God's authority is actually God Himself; authority issues out from God's own being—Rev. 22:1.

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#### B. All authority—spiritual, positional, and governmental—derives from God—2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10; John 19:10-11; Gen. 9:6.

2 Cor. 10:8 For even if I should boast somewhat more abundantly concerning our authority, which the

使為這權柄稍微過多的誇口，也不至於慚愧。

- 林後 13:10 所以我不在的時候，寫這些事，好叫我同在的時候，不必照著主所賜給我的權柄，嚴厲的待你們；這權柄是為著建造人，並不是為著拆毀人。
- 約 19:10 彼拉多對祂說，你對我說話麼？你豈不知我有權柄釋放你，也有權柄把你釘十字架麼？
- 約 19:11 耶穌回答說，若不是從上頭賜給你的，你就毫無權柄辦我；所以把我交給你的那人，罪更重了。
- 創 9:6 凡流人血的，他的血也必被人所流，因為神造人是按自己的形像造的。

### 三 認識權柄是裏面的開啓，不是外面的教導—徒二二 6～16。

- 徒 22:6 我將到大馬色，正走的時候，約在中午，忽然從天上發出大光，四面照著我，
- 徒 22:7 我就仆倒在地，聽見有聲音對我說，掃羅，掃羅，你為甚麼逼迫我？
- 徒 22:8 我回答說，主阿，你是誰？祂對我說，我就是你所逼迫的拿撒勒人耶穌。
- 徒 22:9 與我同行的人看見了那光，卻沒有聰明那對我說話者的声音。
- 徒 22:10 我說，主阿，我當作甚麼？主對我說，起來，進大馬色去，在那裏要將所派你作的一切事都告訴你。
- 徒 22:11 我因那光的榮耀，不能看見，就由同行的人牽著我的手，進了大馬色。
- 徒 22:12 有一個人名叫亞拿尼亞，接著律法是虔誠人，為一切住在那裏的猶太人所稱讚。
- 徒 22:13 他到我這裏來，站在旁邊對我說，掃羅弟兄，你看見罷。我當時一看，就看見了他。
- 徒 22:14 他又說，我們祖宗的神豫先選定了你，叫你認識祂的旨意，又得見那義者，且得聽祂口中所出的聲音；
- 徒 22:15 因為你要將所看見所聽見的，向萬人為祂作見證。
- 徒 22:16 現在你為甚麼耽延？起來，呼求著祂的名受浸，洗去你的罪。

### 四 主耶穌是一個在權柄之下的人；祂降卑自己，行父的旨意，順從至死，且死在十字架上—太八 9，約四 34，六 38，腓二 7～8。

- 太 8:9 因為我也是一個在權柄之下的人，有兵在我以下；我對這個說，去，他就去；對那個說，來，他就來；對我的奴僕說，作這事，他就作。
- 約 4:34 耶穌說，我的食物就是實行差我來者的旨意，作成祂的工。
- 約 6:38 因為我從天上降下來，不是要行我自己的意思，乃是要行那差我來者的意思。
- 腓 2:7 反而倒空自己，取了奴僕的形狀，成為人的樣式；
- 腓 2:8 既顯為人的樣子，就降卑自己，順從至死，且死在十字

Lord has given for building you up and not for overthrowing you, I will not be put to shame.

- 2 Cor. 13:10 Therefore I write these things while being absent in order that when present I would not have to use severity, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for building up and not for overthrowing.
- John 19:10 Therefore Pilate said to Him, You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and I have authority to crucify You?
- John 19:11 Jesus answered him, You would have no authority against Me if it were not given to you from above; for this reason, he who has delivered Me to you has the greater sin.
- Gen. 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, / By man shall his blood be shed, / For in the image of God / He made man.

### C. Knowing authority is an inward revelation rather than an outward teaching—Acts 22:6-16.

- Acts 22:6 And as I journeyed and drew near to Damascus about midday, suddenly a great light flashed out of heaven around me;
- Acts 22:7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?
- Acts 22:8 And I answered, Who are You, Lord? And He said to me, I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you persecute.
- Acts 22:9 And those who were with me beheld the light, but did not hear the voice of the One who was speaking to me.
- Acts 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Rise up and go into Damascus, and there it will be told to you concerning all the things which have been appointed to you to do.
- Acts 22:11 And as I could not see because of the glory of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.
- Acts 22:12 And a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well attested to by all the Jews dwelling there,
- Acts 22:13 Came to me, and standing by, said to me, Saul, brother, receive your sight! And in that very hour I looked up at him.
- Acts 22:14 And he said, The God of our fathers has previously appointed you to know His will and to see the righteous One and to hear the voice from His mouth;
- Acts 22:15 For you will be a witness to Him unto all men of the things which you have seen and heard.
- Acts 22:16 And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

### D. The Lord Jesus was a man under authority; He humbled Himself, did the Father's will, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross—Matt. 8:9; John 4:34; 6:38; Phil. 2:7-8.

- Matt. 8:9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my slave, Do this, and he does it.
- John 4:34 Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.
- John 6:38 For I have come down from heaven not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me.
- Phil. 2:7 But emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming in the likeness of men;
- Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death,

架上。

五 主在神性裏爲神的獨生子，已經有管理萬有的權柄；然而，祂在人性裏爲人子，作屬天之國的王，天上地上所有的權柄，是在祂復活之後賜給祂的—太二八 18。

太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。

六 神所高舉的耶穌現今作爲地上君王的元首，乃是所有掌權者的元首；祂是神聖行政裏至高的元首，以完成神永遠的計畫—徒二 23, 36, 五 31，啓一 5。

徒 2:23 祂既按著神的定議先見被交給人，你們就藉著不法之人的手，把祂釘在十字架上殺了。

徒 2:36 所以，以色列全家當確實的知道，你們釘在十字架上的這位耶穌，神已經立祂爲主爲基督了。

徒 5:31 這一位，神已將祂高舉在自己的右邊，作元首，作救主，將悔改和赦罪賜給以色列人。

啓 1:5 並從那忠信的見證人、死人中的首生者、爲地上君王元首的耶穌基督，歸與你們。祂愛我們，用自己的血，把我們從我們的罪中釋放了；

七 在基督的升天裏，神使祂成爲召會身體獨一的頭，並使祂就職作宇宙的頭；全宇宙的頭乃是耶穌—西一 18，徒二 36，弗一 22 ~ 23。

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貳 基督是團體身體（召會）的頭，也是所有個別信徒的頭；祂是我們各人直接的頭，我們都在祂的權柄之下—西一 18，林前十一 3：

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林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，

and that the death of a cross.

E. In His divinity, as the only begotten Son of God, the Lord had authority over all, but in His humanity, as the Son of Man and the King of the heavenly kingdom, all authority in heaven and on earth was given to Him after His resurrection—Matt. 28:18.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

F. Now as the Ruler of the kings of the earth, the God-exalted Jesus is the Ruler over all the ones who are in power; He is the chief Ruler in the divine government for the fulfillment of God's eternal plan—Acts 2:23, 36; 5:31; Rev. 1:5.

Acts 2:23 This man, delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you, through the hand of lawless men, nailed to a cross and killed;

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

Acts 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Rev. 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood

G. In Christ's ascension God made Him the unique Head of the Body, the church, and inaugurated Him into the headship of the universe; the Head of the whole universe is Jesus—Col. 1:18; Acts 2:36; Eph. 1:22-23.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

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Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

II. Christ is both the Head corporately of the Body, the church, and individually of all the believers; He is the Head directly of every one of us, and we all are under His authority—Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 11:3:

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the

神是基督的頭。

## 一 基督作頭，就是祂在身體上有一切的權柄—羅九 21, 23, 太二八 18:

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- 羅 9:23 且要在那些蒙憐憫、早豫備得榮耀的器皿上，彰顯祂榮耀的豐富；
- 太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。

1 身體不能任意動，是頭有命令纔動。

2 指揮身體及其眾肢體的權柄是操之於頭。

## 二 我們是不是服在元首的權柄之下，就可以證明我們有沒有認識身體的生命—林前十一 3，弗四 15～16，西一 18，三 4:

- 林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，神是基督的頭。
- 弗 4:15 惟在愛裏持守著真實，我們就得以在一切事上長到祂，就是元首基督裏面；
- 弗 4:16 本於祂，全身藉著每一豐富供應的節，並藉著每一部分依其度量而有的功用，得以聯絡在一起，並結合在一起，便叫身體漸漸長大，以致在愛裏把自己建造起來。
- 西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；
- 西 3:4 基督是我們的生命，祂顯現的時候，你們也要與祂一同顯現在榮耀裏。

1 身體只能有一個頭，只能服從一個頭——18。

- 西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

2 惟有基督是獨一的元首，我們必須服從祂，尊榮並見證神所高舉之基督獨一的元首權柄—弗一 22～23，太二三 8～12。

- 弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向著召會作萬有的頭；
- 弗 1:23 召會是祂的身體，是那在萬有中充滿萬有者的豐滿。
- 太 23:8 但你們不要受拉比的稱呼，因為只有一位是你們的夫子，你們都是弟兄；
- 太 23:9 也不要稱地上的人為父，因為只有一位是你們的父，就是那天上的；
- 太 23:10 也不要受師尊的稱呼，因為只有一位是你們的師尊，就是基督。

woman, and God is the head of Christ.

## A. For Christ to be the Head is for Him to have all the authority in the Body—Rom. 9:21, 23; Matt. 28:18:

- Rom. 9:21 Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor?
- Rom. 9:23 In order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory,
- Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

1. The Body cannot move freely; it can move only at the direction of the Head.

2. The authority to direct the Body and all its members rests with the Head.

## B. Whether we are under the authority of the Head determines whether we know the life of the Body—1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 4:15-16; Col. 1:18; 3:4:

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Eph. 4:15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

Eph. 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col. 3:4 When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

1. The Body can have only one Head and can submit only to one Head—1:18.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

2. Only Christ is the unique Head, and we must submit to Him, honoring and testifying to the unique headship of the God-exalted Christ—Eph. 1:22-23; Matt. 23:8-12.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Matt. 23:8 But you, do not be called Rabbi, for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

Matt. 23:9 And do not call anyone on earth your father, for One is your Father, He who is in the heavens.

Matt. 23:10 Neither be called instructors, because One is your Instructor, the Christ.

太 23:11 你們中間誰爲大，誰就要作你們的僕役。

太 23:12 凡高擡自己的，必降爲卑；降卑自己的，必升爲高。

### 三 爲着在身體裏生活，我們需要認識身體中的權柄—弗一 22 ~ 23，西一 18，二 19：

弗 1:22 將萬有服在他的腳下，並使祂向著召會作萬有的頭；

弗 1:23 召會是祂的身體，是那在萬有中充滿萬有者的豐滿。

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

西 2:19 不定元首；本於祂，全身藉著節和筋，得了豐富的供應，並結合一起，就以神的增長而長大。

#### 1 關於身體中的權柄，首要的就是元首的權柄貫通全身體—弗五 23 ~ 24：

弗 5:23 因爲丈夫是妻子的頭，如同基督是召會的頭；祂自己乃是身體的救主。

弗 5:24 召會怎樣服從基督，妻子也要照樣凡事服從丈夫。

a 當我們直接服從元首的時候，我們也必須顧到身體；我們若說我們是服從元首的權柄，卻不顧到身體，這是不可能的。

b 惟有主是我們的頭，只有祂有權柄指揮祂身上肢體的行動。

#### 2 在身體裏，長老和使徒是代表的權柄，執行元首的權柄—徒十四 23，提前五 17 上，林前十二 28：

徒 14:23 二人在各召會中爲他們選立了長老，又禁食禱告，就把他們交託所信入的主。

提前 5:17 那善於帶領的長老，尤其是那在話語和教導上勞苦的，當被看爲配受加倍的敬奉。

林前 12:28 神在召會中所設立的，第一是使徒，第二是申言者，第三是教師；其次是行異能的，再次是得恩賜醫病的，幫助的，治理的，說各種方言的。

a 一面，眾肢體直接服從元首—弗五 24 上。

弗 5:24 召會怎樣服從基督，妻子也要照樣凡事服從丈夫。

Matt. 23:11 And the greatest among you shall be your servant.

Matt. 23:12 And he who will exalt himself shall be humbled, and he who will humble himself shall be exalted.

### C. In order to live in the Body, we need to recognize the authority in the Body—Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; 2:19:

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,  
Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col. 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

#### 1. Concerning the authority in the Body, first and foremost is the need for the authority of the Head flowing throughout the whole Body—Eph. 5:23-24:

Eph. 5:23 For a husband is head of the wife as also Christ is Head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the Body.

Eph. 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be subject to their husbands in everything.

a. When we submit directly to the Head, we also care for the Body; it is impossible for us to say that we are submitting to the authority of the Head without caring for the Body.

b. Only the Lord is our Head, and only He has the authority to direct the moves of the members of His Body.

#### 2. In the Body the elders and the apostles are deputy authorities, carrying out the authority of the Head—Acts 14:23; 1 Tim. 5:17a; 1 Cor. 12:28:

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church and had prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

1 Tim. 5:17 Let the elders who take the lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and teaching.

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

a. On the one hand, all the members of the Body submit directly to the Head—Eph. 5:24a.

Eph. 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also let the wives be subject to their husbands in everything.

b 另一面，眾肢體也服從元首的代表—來十三 17。

來 13:17 你們要信從那些帶領你們的，且要服從；因他們為你們的魂儆醒，好像要交賬的人；你們要使他們歡樂的作這事，不至歎息；若歎息，就與你們無益了。

### 參 召會的秩序來自召會中的權柄—尊重基督獨一的元首權柄—西一 18，腓一 1：

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

腓 1:1 基督耶穌的奴僕，保羅和提摩太，寫信給所有在腓立比，在基督耶穌裏的聖徒，同諸位監督和諸位執事：

#### 一 召會裏沒有人的組織，卻有屬靈的秩序—1 節，林前十四 40，十一 34 下。

腓 1:1 基督耶穌的奴僕，保羅和提摩太，寫信給所有在腓立比，在基督耶穌裏的聖徒，同諸位監督和諸位執事：

林前 14:40 凡事都要端正得體的按著次序行。

林前 11:34 若有人飢餓，就當在家裏喫，免得你們聚在一起受到審判。其餘的事，我來的時候再安排。

#### 二 召會的頭是主基督，召會中的權柄是基督的作頭—太二八 18，西一 18。

太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

#### 三 召會中應當有秩序，但這秩序來自基督的作頭—弗一 22 ~ 23。

弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向著召會作萬有的頭；

弗 1:23 召會是祂的身體，是那在萬有中充滿萬有者的豐滿。

#### 四 我們惟有服從基督獨一的元首權柄，纔能真實的實行召會生活—西一 18，二 19：

西 1:18 祂也是召會身體的頭；祂是元始，是從死人中復活的首生者，使祂可以在萬有中居首位；

西 2:19 不持定元首；本於祂，全身藉著節和筋，得了豐富的供應，並結合一起，就以神的增長而長大。

#### 1 召會中的秩序來自於基督的作頭實際的被我們實現

b. On the other hand, the members submit to the deputies of the Head—Heb. 13:17.

Heb. 13:17 Obey the ones leading you and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and not groaning; for this would be unprofitable to you.

### III. The order of the church comes out of the authority in the church—the honoring of the unique headship of Christ—Col. 1:18; Phil. 1:1:

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

#### A. In the church there is no human organization, but there is a spiritual order—v. 1; 1 Cor. 14:40; 11:34b.

Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

1 Cor. 14:40 But all things must be done becomingly and in order.

1 Cor. 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, that you may not come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

#### B. The Head of the church is Christ the Lord, and the authority in the church is the headship of Christ—Matt. 28:18; Col. 1:18.

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

#### C. In the church there must be order, but this order comes from the headship of Christ—Eph. 1:22-23.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23 Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

#### D. We can have the real practice of the church life only by submitting to the unique headship of Christ—Col. 1:18; 2:19:

Col. 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Col. 2:19 And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

#### 1. The order in the church comes from the headship of Christ being

出來—林前十一3，16，弗一22。

林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，神是基督的頭。

林前 11:16 若有人想要強辯，我們卻沒有這樣的規矩，神的眾召會也沒有。

弗 1:22 將萬有服在祂的腳下，並使祂向著召會作萬有的頭；

2 在召會中，我們若不是實際的將基督的作頭實現出來，而有屬靈的秩序，我們就不可能實行真實的召會生活—林前十一3，十四40。

林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，神是基督的頭。

林前 14:40 凡事都要端正得體的按著次序行。

## 肆 在召會中，神的權柄由使徒和長老所彰顯並代表—十二28，彼前五1～3：

林前 12:28 神在召會中所設立的，第一是使徒，第二是申言者，第三是教師；其次是行異能的，再次是得恩賜醫病的，幫助的，治理的，說各種方言的。

彼前 5:1 所以，我這同作長老，作基督受苦的見證人，並同享那將要顯出之榮耀的，勸你們中間作長老的人，

彼前 5:2 務要牧養你們中間神的羣羊，按著神監督他們，不是出於勉強，乃是出於甘心；不是為著卑鄙的利益，乃是出於熱切；

彼前 5:3 也不是作主轄管所委託你們的產業，乃是作羣羊的榜樣。

一 神分派長老和使徒在召會中作權柄—林前十二28，徒十四23。

林前 12:28 神在召會中所設立的，第一是使徒，第二是申言者，第三是教師；其次是行異能的，再次是得恩賜醫病的，幫助的，治理的，說各種方言的。

徒 14:23 二人在各召會中為他們選立了長老，又禁食禱告，就把他們交託所信入的主。

二 使徒和長老在他們自己裏面並沒有權柄，他們只有站在元首的權柄底下時，纔有權柄；他們是代表元首的權柄而在召會中執行權柄。

三 神為著顯明祂在召會中的權柄，就在各地方召會中設立長老來代表祂的權柄—23節，多一5：

徒 14:23 二人在各召會中為他們選立了長老，又禁食禱告，就把他們交託所信入的主。

多 1:5 我從前留你在革哩底，是要你將我所未辦完的事辦理妥當，

realized by us in a practical way—1 Cor. 11:3, 16; Eph. 1:22.

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1 Cor. 11:16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we do not have such a custom of being so, neither the churches of God.

Eph. 1:22 And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

2. If we do not have the spiritual order in the church that comes from realizing the headship of Christ in a practical way, there is no possibility for us to practice the real church life—1 Cor. 11:3; 14:40.

1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1 Cor. 14:40 But all things must be done becomingly and in order.

## IV. In the church God's authority is expressed and represented by the apostles and elders—12:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-3:

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

1 Pet. 5:1 Therefore the elders among you I exhort, who am a fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory to be revealed:

1 Pet. 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

1 Pet. 5:3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

A. God has appointed elders and apostles to be the authority in the church—1 Cor. 12:28; Acts 14:23.

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church and had prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

B. Apostles and elders have no authority in themselves; they have authority only as they stand under the authority of the Head; they exercise authority in the church by representing the authority of the Head.

C. In order to manifest His authority in the church, God appoints elders in every local church to represent His authority—v. 23; Titus 1:5:

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church and had prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

Titus 1:5 For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things which I have begun that

又照我所吩咐你的，在各城設立長老。

1 在宇宙召會裏有使徒的職分，這職分賦與使徒地位和權利，爲着地方召會的行政設立長老—林前十二28，徒十四23，多一5。

林前12:28 神在召會中所設立的，第一是使徒，第二是申言者，第三是教師；其次是行異能的，再次是得恩賜醫病的，幫助的，治理的，說各種方言的。

徒14:23 二人在各召會中爲他們選立了長老，又禁食禱告，就把他們交託所信入的主。

多1:5 我從前留你在革哩底，是要你將我所未辦完的事辦理妥當，又照我所吩咐你的，在各城設立長老。

2 在使徒選立長老時，聖靈與他們是一；使徒選立長老是照着聖靈的引導—徒二十28。

徒20:28 聖靈立你們作全羣的監督，你們就當爲自己謹慎，也爲全羣謹慎，牧養神的召會，就是祂用自己的血所買來的。

3 長老的權柄是爲着代表並彰顯神的權柄—彼前五1～3。

彼前5:1 所以，我這同作長老，作基督受苦的見證人，並同享那將要顯出之榮耀的，勸你們中間作長老的人，

彼前5:2 務要牧養你們中間神的羣羊，按著神監督他們，不是出於勉強，乃是出於甘心；不是爲著卑鄙的利益，乃是出於熱切；

彼前5:3 也不是作主轄管所委託你們的產業，乃是作羣羊的榜樣。

4 長老作監督，主要的責任不是轄管，乃是牧養，給羣羊（就是神的召會）周全柔細的照顧—徒二十28。

徒20:28 聖靈立你們作全羣的監督，你們就當爲自己謹慎，也爲全羣謹慎，牧養神的召會，就是祂用自己的血所買來的。

5 關於長老職分，合乎聖經的原則總是有多位長老；因着長老職分是多數的，就沒有固定的領頭人，並且能顧到、保守、並尊重基督獨一的元首權柄—十四23，多一5。

徒14:23 二人在各召會中爲他們選立了長老，又禁食禱告，就把他們交託所信入的主。

多1:5 我從前留你在革哩底，是要你將我所未辦完的事辦理妥當，又照我所吩咐你的，在各城設立長老。

remain and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you:

1.In the universal church there is the office of apostleship, which gives the apostles the position and the right to appoint elders for the administration of the local churches—1 Cor. 12:28; Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5.

1 Cor. 12:28 And God has placed some in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then works of power, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church and had prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

Titus 1:5 For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things which I have begun that remain and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you:

2.The Holy Spirit was one with the apostles in their appointment of the elders, and the apostles did this according to the leading of the Holy Spirit—Acts 20:28.

Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

3.The authority of the elders is for representing and expressing God's authority—1 Pet. 5:1-3.

1 Pet. 5:1 Therefore the elders among you I exhort, who am a fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory to be revealed:

1 Pet. 5:2 Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

1 Pet. 5:3 Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.

4.The main responsibility of the elders as overseers is not to rule but to shepherd, to take all-inclusive tender care of the flock, the church of God—Acts 20:28.

Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

5.The scriptural principle with regard to eldership is plurality; with the plurality of the eldership, there is no definite leader, and the unique headship of Christ is regarded, preserved, and respected—14:23; Titus 1:5.

Acts 14:23 And when they had appointed elders for them in every church and had prayed with fastings, they committed them to the Lord into whom they had believed.

Titus 1:5 For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things which I have begun that remain and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you:

6 在召會生活中，我們要信從那些帶領我們的，且要服從；（來十三 17；）我們若不能服從神所設立的代表權柄，就不能服從神。

來 13:17 你們要信從那些帶領你們的，且要服從；因他們為你們的魂儆醒，好像要交賬的人；你們要使他們歡樂的作這事，不至歎息；若歎息，就與你們無益了。

## 伍 今天在召會生活裏有神聖的管理，這管理來自神和羔羊的寶座—啓二二 1～2：

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

一 召會中神聖的權柄是為着讓神將祂自己分賜到我們裏面作生命，作生命的供應，並作全豐全足的恩典；只有藉着服從神的寶座，我們纔能有分於祂流通之恩典全豐全足的源頭—林後十三 14，啓二二 1～2，16 上。

林後 13:14 願主耶穌基督的恩，神的愛，聖靈的交通，與你們眾人同在。

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

啓 22:16 我耶穌差遣我的使者，為眾召會將這些事向你們作見證。我是大衛的根，又是他的後裔，我是明亮的晨星。

二 希伯來四章十六節之施恩的寶座，就是啓示錄四章之掌權的寶座；到了二十二章一至二節，這寶座成了神和羔羊的寶座，從那裏流出『一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶』（1）：

來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，為要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。

啓 4:1 這些事以後，我觀看，看哪，天上有門開了，我初次所聽見那如吹號的聲音，對我說，你上到這裏來，我要將這些事以後必發生的事指示你。

啓 4:2 我立刻就在靈裏；看哪，有一個寶座安置在天上，又有一

6.In the church life we need to obey the ones leading us and submit to them (Heb. 13:17); if we cannot submit to God's appointed deputy authority, we cannot submit to God.

Heb. 13:17 Obey the ones leading you and submit to them, for they watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and not groaning; for this would be unprofitable to you.

## V. There is a divine government in the church life today, and this government comes from the throne of God and of the Lamb—Rev. 22:1-2:

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

A. The divine authority in the church is for God to dispense Himself into us as life, as the life supply, and as the all-sufficient grace; only by submitting to the throne can we share in His all-sufficient source of the flowing grace—2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 22:1-2, 16a.

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright morning star.

B. The throne of grace in Hebrews 4:16 is the throne of authority in Revelation 4, which becomes in Revelation 22:1-2 the throne of God and of the Lamb, out from which flows "a river of water of life, bright as crystal" (v. 1):

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Rev. 4:1 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up here, and I will show you the things that must take place after these things.

Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne

位坐在寶座上。  
啓 4:3 那位坐著的，顯出來的樣子好像碧玉和紅寶石，又有虹圍著寶座，顯出來的樣子好像綠寶石。  
啓 4:4 寶座的周圍，又有二十四個寶座，其上坐著二十四位長老，身穿白衣，頭戴金冠。  
啓 4:5 有閃電、聲音、雷轟，從寶座中發出。又有七盞火燈在寶座前點著，這七燈就是神的七靈。  
啓 4:6 寶座前好像一個玻璃海，如同水晶；寶座中、和寶座周圍有四個活物，前後滿了眼睛。  
啓 4:7 第一個活物像獅子，第二個活物像牛犢，第三個活物臉面像人，第四個活物像飛鷹。  
啓 4:8 四活物各個都有六個翅膀，周圍和裏面統滿了眼睛；他們晝夜不歇息的說，聖哉，聖哉，聖哉，主神是昔是今是以後永是的全能者。  
啓 4:9 每逢四活物將榮耀、尊貴、感謝，歸與那坐在寶座上，活到永遠遠者的時候，  
啓 4:10 那二十四位長老，就俯伏在坐寶座的面前，敬拜那活到永遠遠的，又把他們的冠冕投在寶座前，說，  
啓 4:11 我們的主，我們的神，你是配得榮耀、尊貴、能力的，因為你創造了萬有，並且萬有是因你的旨意存在並被創造的。  
啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。  
啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

1 這寶座雖然是掌權的寶座，元首的寶座，卻有生命水的河從寶座流出來—1 節。

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

2 這寶座不僅是神的，更是神和羔羊的寶座，意即神在羔羊裏流出，作為恩典給我們享受：

a 我們絕不該將權柄與恩典分開，或將恩典與權柄分開；恩典與權柄乃是一—來四 16，啓二二 1。

來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，為要受憐憫，得恩典，作應時的幫助。

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b 每當我們來到這寶座前，我們就覺得神的恩典如同江河流到我們裏面—來四 16，啓二二 1 ~ 2。

來 4:16 所以我們只管坦然無懼的來到施恩的寶座前，為要受憐憫，

there was One sitting;  
Rev. 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.  
Rev. 4:4 And around the throne there were twenty-four thrones, and upon the thrones twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and upon their heads golden crowns.  
Rev. 4:5 And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;  
Rev. 4:6 And before the throne there was as it were a glassy sea like crystal; and in the midst of the throne and around the throne, there were four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.  
Rev. 4:7 And the first living creature was like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.  
Rev. 4:8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings apiece, are full of eyes around and within; and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God the Almighty, who was and who is and who is coming.  
Rev. 4:9 And when the four living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits upon the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever,  
Rev. 4:10 The twenty-four elders will fall before Him who sits upon the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever; and they will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,  
Rev. 4:11 You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, for You have created all things, and because of Your will they were, and were created.  
Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.  
Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

1. Although the throne is the throne of authority, the throne of headship, out of the throne flows the river of water of life—v. 1.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

2. The fact that the throne is not only the throne of God but the throne of God and of the Lamb means that God in the Lamb is flowing out as grace for our enjoyment:

a. We should never separate authority from grace or grace from authority; grace and authority are one—Heb. 4:16; Rev. 22:1.

Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

b. Whenever we come to this throne, we have the sense that the grace of God is like a river flowing into us—Heb. 4:16; Rev. 22:1-2.

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啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

3 今天主耶穌不是僅僅憑權柄掌權，乃是藉着祂生命的湧流作恩典，在召會裏，在眾召會中間，並在眾召會之上掌權—四 2 ~ 3，五 6，七 9，二二 1 ~ 2。

- 啓 4:2 我立刻就在靈裏；看哪，有一個寶座安置在天上，又有一位坐在寶座上。  
啓 4:3 那位坐著的，顯出來的樣子好像碧玉和紅寶石，又有虹圍著寶座，顯出來的樣子好像綠寶石。  
啓 5:6 我又看見寶座與四活物中間，並眾長老中間，有羔羊站立，像是剛被殺過的，有七角和七眼，就是神的七靈，奉差遣往全地去的。  
啓 7:9 這些事以後，我觀看，看哪，有大批的羣眾，沒有人能數得過來，是從各邦國、各支派、各民族、各方言來的，站在寶座前和羔羊面前，身穿白袍，手拿棕樹枝。  
啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。  
啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

### 三 神和羔羊的寶座—權柄—不僅是神聖行政的源頭，也是神聖交通的源頭—1 ~ 2 節：

- 啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。  
啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

1 在身體裏有權柄和交通這兩條線—林前十一 3，十二 12 ~ 13，18，一 9，十 16 ~ 17。

- 林前 11:3 我且願意你們知道，基督是各人的頭，男人是女人的頭，神是基督的頭。  
林前 12:12 就如身體是一個，卻有許多肢體，而且身體上一切的肢體雖多，仍是一個身體，基督也是這樣。  
林前 12:13 因為我們不拘是猶太人或希利尼人，是為奴的或自主的，都已經在一位靈裏受浸，成了一個身體，且都得以喝一位靈。  
林前 12:18 但如今神照著自己的意思，把肢體俱各安置在身體上了。  
林前 1:9 神是信實的，你們乃是為祂所召，進入了祂兒子我們主耶穌基督的交通。  
林前 10:16 我們所祝福的福杯，豈不是基督之血的交通麼？我們所擘開的餅，豈不是基督身體的交通麼？

and find grace for timely help.

- Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.  
Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

3. Today the Lord Jesus does not reign merely with authority; He is reigning in the church, among the churches, and over all the churches through the flowing of His life as grace—4:2-3; 5:6; 7:9; 22:1-2.

- Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;  
Rev. 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.  
Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.  
Rev. 7:9 After these things I saw, and behold, there was a great multitude which no one could number, out of every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes and palm branches in their hands.  
Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.  
Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

C. The throne, the authority, of God and of the Lamb is not only the source of the divine administration; it is also the source of the divine fellowship—vv. 1-2:

- Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.  
Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

1. Authority and fellowship are two lines in the Body—1 Cor. 11:3; 12:12-13, 18; 1:9; 10:16-17.

- 1 Cor. 11:3 But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.  
1 Cor. 12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.  
1 Cor. 12:13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.  
1 Cor. 12:18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.  
1 Cor. 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
1 Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?

林前 10:17 因著只有一個餅，我們雖多，還是一個身體，因我們都分受這一個餅。

2 寶座是權柄的事，而湧流的河是交通的事；這交通乃是由那『純金，好像透明的玻璃』的街道所表徵—啓二一 21：

啓 21:21 十二個門是十二顆珍珠，每一個門各自是一顆珍珠造的，城內的街道是純金，好像透明的玻璃。

a 寶座代表神聖的權柄，從這寶座流出生命水的河，使我們享受神聖的交通—二二 1 ~ 2。

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

b 在這交通裏，有神聖的權柄；因為在神的經綸裏，權柄總是與交通並行—林後十 8，十三 10，14。

林後 10:8 主賜給我們的權柄，是為建造，並不是為拆毀你們，我即使為這權柄稍微過多的誇口，也不至於慚愧。

林後 13:10 所以我不在的時候，寫這些事，好叫我同在的時候，不必照著主所賜給我的權柄，嚴厲的待你們；這權柄是為著建造人，並不是為著拆毀人。

林後 13:14 願主耶穌基督的恩，神的愛，聖靈的交通，與你們眾人同在。

3 為着在實行上建造地方召會，我們同時需要神和羔羊的寶座，以及生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來，流在街道中—啓二二 1 ~ 2。

啓 22:1 天使又指給我看在城內街道當中一道生命水的河，明亮如水晶，從神和羔羊的寶座流出來。

啓 22:2 在河這邊與那邊有生命樹，生產十二樣果子，每月都結出果子，樹上的葉子乃為醫治萬民。

1 Cor. 10:17 Seeing that there is one bread, we who are many are one Body; for we all partake of the one bread.

2. Whereas the throne is a matter of authority, the flowing river is a matter of fellowship, signified by the street, which is of "pure gold, like transparent glass"—Rev. 21:21:

Rev. 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was, respectively, of one pearl.  
And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

a. The throne represents the divine authority, and from the throne flows the river of water of life for us to enjoy the divine fellowship—22:1-2.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

b. In this fellowship there is the divine authority, for in God's economy authority always goes together with fellowship—2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10, 14.

2 Cor. 10:8 For even if I should boast somewhat more abundantly concerning our authority, which the Lord has given for building you up and not for overthrowing you, I will not be put to shame.

2 Cor. 13:10 Therefore I write these things while being absent in order that when present I would not have to use severity, according to the authority which the Lord has given me for building up and not for overthrowing.

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

3. In order to build up a local church in a practical way, we need both the throne of God and of the Lamb and the water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne and flowing on the street—Rev. 22:1-2.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev. 22:2 And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.