

Lecture 17 – The Doctrine of the Church: The Marks of the Church

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 29:19-20

Key Terms

The Word, the sacraments, baptism, Lord's Supper, discipline

Lecture Objectives

- To list and locate scriptural rationale for the marks of the church
- To describe how the historical context (last lesson) may have shaped the discussion on the marks of the church
- To identify some of the applications of the marks of the church for our life and ministry in our post-modern context

Preview

We have devoted our attention thus far to the nature of the church, considering the biblical pictures of the church and various creeds and confessions. Today we will focus specifically on the biblical marks of the church: the Word, sacraments, and prayer. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

The Doctrine of the Church: The Marks of the Church

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

A. The nature of the church

B. The marks of the church: Word, sacraments, discipline

1. Historically

*2. Biblical rationale for the marks of the church

a. The Word

1) Matthew 28:19-20

2) 2 Timothy 4:2

b. The sacraments

1) Baptism

a) Matthew 28:19-20

2) The Lord's Supper

a) Matthew 26:26-28

b) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

c. Discipline

1) Biblical models

a) Matthew 18:15-17

📖 "Matthew" in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* by
D.A. Carson

📖 "Matthew" commentary by Leon Morris

b) 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

c) 1 Timothy 5:19-20

2) John Calvin

a) The glory of God

b) The health of the body

c) The good of the offender