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How God Designed The Church

Christ is the Head

And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Colossians 1:18)

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“All authority in heaven
and on earth has been
given to me.”
(Matt 28:18-20)

to save

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**Apostles and
Prophets**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, (Ephesians 4:11–12)

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Shepherds

elders, overseers

Eph. 4:11; Acts 14:23;
1 Tim. 3; Titus 1; etc.

**Apostles and
Prophets**

Men of character

Men of the Word

Plurality

Locally

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Christ is
the Head

Evangelist
& Teachers

Preachers; Ministers of
the word

Apostles and
Prophets

Character

Purpose

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

Shepherds
elders, overseers

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Character

(1 Timothy 3)

Service

(Acts 6; Mark 10:42-44)

Deacons



“To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi,
with the overseers and deacons” (Philippians 1:1)

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Deacons

Saints

¹⁰ Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
(1 Peter 4:10)

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Know the
word of Christ

Have the
character of
Christ

JESUS

is Head

disciples

Elders

Overseers

Shepherds

Deacons

believers

minister
of the gospel

Evangelist & Teachers

preacher

Saints

Members

To the work
of Christ

Apostles & Prophets