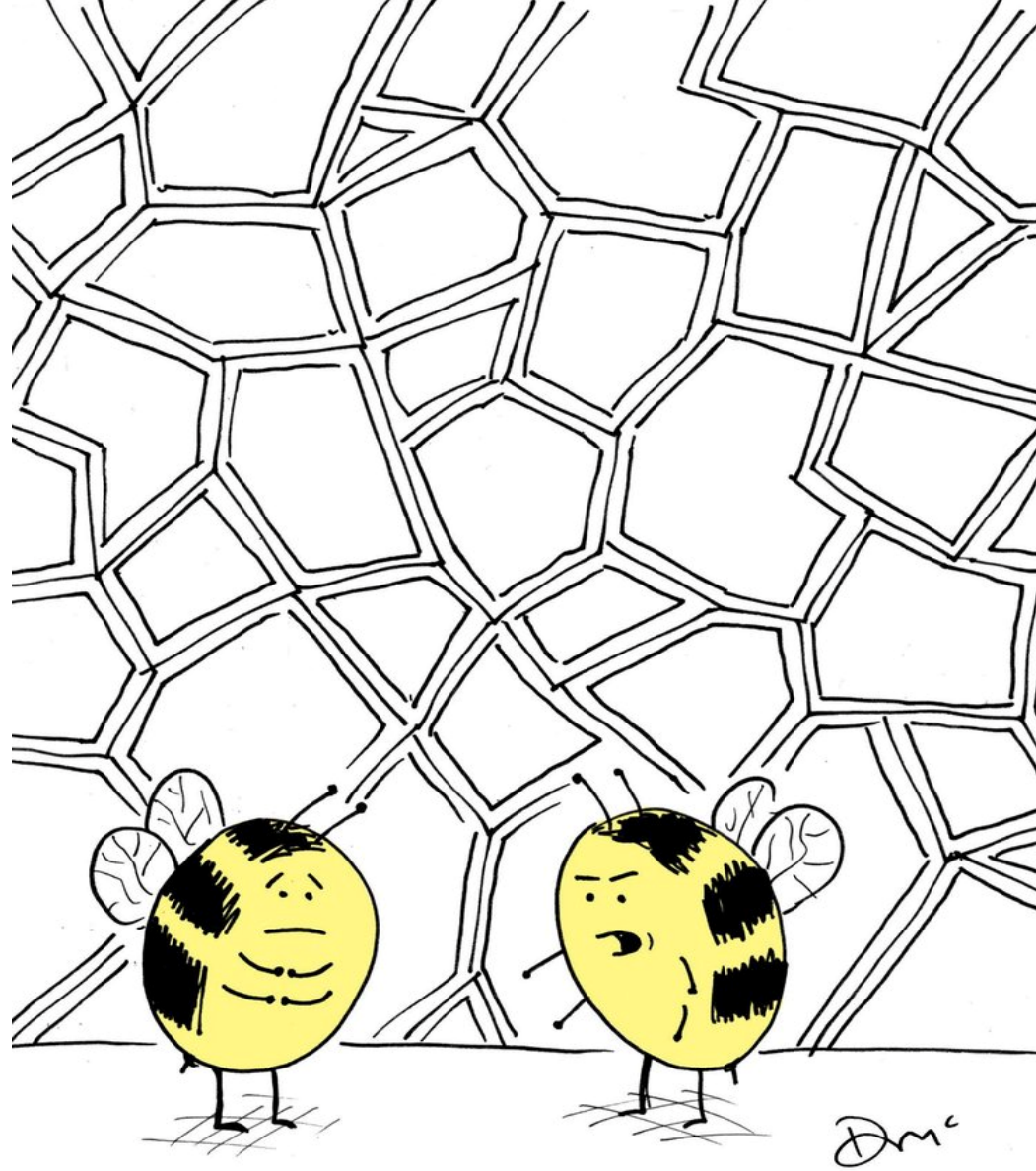




# **THE EARLY CHURCH**

**the BIBLICAL pattern**



“Be honest Clive, do you even  
know what a hexagon is?”

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Mat 16:18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will  
build my church, and the gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it.

# EKKLESIA

CALLED OUT



# **BODY**

Rom 12:4

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function.

# **BRIDE**

Col 1:18

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.

# **BUILDING**

Eph 2:20 -22

Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

# **FAMILY**

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

# **FLOCK**

Acts 20:29

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

# **FELLOWSHIP**

1Cor 1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL BELIEVERS HAD

Repented

Believed on Jesus

Been Baptised

Received baptism in the Holy Spirit

### Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly to devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship (KOINONIA), to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

### Act 2:46

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.



Jas 2:2

For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into  
your assembly (Synagogue) , and a poor man in shabby  
clothing also comes in.

Lev 23:4

**The feasts of the Lord**, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.

## Acts 20:16

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost (Shavuot)

## 1Co 5:8

Therefore let us keep the **feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Rom 11:17-18

But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

## Eph 4:8 & 11-12

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men. And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, and some **shepherds** and **teachers**, for the **equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.**

## 1Co 12:4-7

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for **the common good**.

Administration

Discernment

Evangelism

Exhortation

Faith

Giving

Healing

Helps

Hospitality

Knowledge

Mercy

Prophecy

Serving

Teaching

Wisdom

Gal 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, **you who are spiritual should restore him** in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Eph 4:16

The **whole body**, joined and held together by **every joint** with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



# ELDERS

## **Presbyteros**

Adjective, plural, masculine and just a personal characteristic and does not describe any function. It just means “older

## **Episkopos.**

1Ti 3:2-4

Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.

He must manage his own household well.

Tit 1:9

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

## **Poymaheeno**

1 Peter 5:1-4

So I exhort the elders among you--- shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Strengthen the weak

Heal the sick

Bind up the injured

Bring back the strayed

Seek out the lost

Mar 10:42-43

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

Heb 13:17

**Obey** (peitho) those who **rule over you**, (haygehomahee)  
and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as  
those who must give account.

Heb 13:17

**Be persuaded by** those who **guide you** and be  
submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those  
who must give account.

Act 6:3&5

Therefore, **brothers, pick out from among you** seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ---- And what they **said pleased the whole gathering**, and they chose Stephen

Act 15:22

Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, **with the whole church**, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas.

Mat 18:15-17

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If he refuses to listen to them, **tell it to the church**. And if he refuses to listen **even to the church**, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Act 20:28

Take heed, therefore, to yourselves, and to all the flock,  
**among which** the Holy Spirit made you overseers, to feed  
the assembly of God that He acquired through His own  
blood.