

## II. The Discussions Proper

### A. The Foundational (Basic) Truths

#### 1. The Lord

- a. In the beginning...
- b. The Genesis promise--chapter 3
- c. The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - (1) defining His character
  - (2) determining His ministry
  - (3) describing His Person
- d. The Christological debates (in brief)
- e. The established teaching: He is very God of Very God....The God-Man....Eternal
  - (1) The Nicene Creed
  - (2) The Chalcedonian Creed
- f. The present study

#### 2. The Body Politic (the church, remember)

- a. By definition
- b. The Promise (Matthew 16) 18
- c. The enactment (Acts 1-2)
- d. The character (Ephesians 5)
- e. The development (Revelation 1-3)
- f. The present setting: visible ...invisible
- g. The ecclesiastical future *Rome in essence*

*1: 8, 2: 155  
25-27  
Gal - breakdown*

#### 3. The Bible

- a. God spoke by Moses....
- b. The Old Testament Canon: tested and approved
- c. Ancient spiritual readings not canonical
- d. The promise (John 15) 16:13
- e. The reality (Luke 1) 1-4
- f. The tests of truth
- g. The New Testament Canon:
  - (1) extra curricular books
  - (2) fantasy accounts
  - (3) questions on texts and ideals

*they held that  
old. 1:2:1-4  
18  
came to pass  
he said god  
agreed well.*

#### 4. Summary:

We see the authority, order, and implementation of the church as a body politic, designed by the Divine will, executed by committed persons, and energized by the Spirit. The church is not just another societal institution: in its essence it is the Body of Christ while in its witness it is the mind of God.