Church Government: Continuity or Discontinuity?

Dr. David M. Doran
Senior Pastor, Inter-City Baptist Church
President, Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary

I. Key Question: Continuity or Discontinuity?

A. Principle: Since the Church is part of the mystery not previously revealed, then the primary source for the truth which governs is in the NT epistles, Eph 3:4-6; cf. Col 1:26; Rom 16:25.

B. Further Proof of Discontinuity:

1. Nature of the Church versus Nature of Israel

2. Membership in Church versus Membership in Israel

3. Ministry in the Church versus Ministry in Israel


5. Leadership in the Church versus Leadership in Israel

II. Practical Implications

A. Congregational Decision-making

B. Pastoral Leadership

C. Deacon Service

D. Mission of the Church