

# The Church In The Life Of To-day Yesterday And Tomorrow

I Tim. 3:1-7 (TXT Ver. 5)

There is much to inspire us when we look at the church of yesterday.

I. The church of the O.T. This was composed of Jews. They were under the dispensation of the Father. They had the tabernacle, priests, the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark to them was what the Holy Spirit is to us.

II. The New Testament church.

a. origin - day of Pentecost

b. nature - "They that gladly received the word were baptised and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the breaking of bread and in prayers."

c. Its practice has always been to have:

a. apostles - term used 134, all apostles died

b. Bishops - became term because they performed miracles

c. priests

d. presbyters

e. Evangelists

III. we have then a term we use "the early church" which refers to it when it was spreading and meeting with persecution.

1. The members formed a brotherhood. They had to meet in caves and have secret codes.

2. They formed a doctrine and wrote it down

3. Then came the polity of the church. They had to have government

4. They had to have a plan of advance and that is what we call to-day the program of the church.

The program of the church to-day

is under three heads.

1. Teaching = religious education
2. Evangelism = revivals etc.
3. Finance

The first of them is composed of, ~~pulpit~~  
the S.S. Colleges, and universities - the Home

The second is composed of Home &  
Church.

The third is in the hands of the  
board of stewards, which is now  
the board of lay activities.

The whole thing is in our hands.  
Teaching the unsaved and the saved.  
Bearing the unsaved and keeping the saved saved.  
Raising finances to keep the home church  
going and send the Gospel to uttermost  
parts of the earth.

