

Week 11 5-3-1 Assignment 8.3 to 8.5

QUESTIONS

1. What are Stanley Grenz' quoted comments?
2. What does Bird mean by the "marks" of the church?
3. What are the marks of the church?
4. What are the marks of the church for Reformed theology?
5. What forms of church governance did Bird define?

ANSWERS

1. What the church is, in short, is determined by what the church is destined to become.
2. The common set of descriptors going back to the Nicene Creed.
3. One, holy, catholic and apostolic.
4. Reaching the word, the proper administration of the sacraments and the application of church discipline
5. Episcopal, Presbyterian and Congregational.

TERMS

Koinōnia: a greek word for fellowship implying mutual interest, generosity, participation, sharing, and partnership.

Imago Trinitatis: image of the Trinity.

Catholic: universal.

SUMMARY

This week we read Bird's explanation for what the church is. There are many descriptors but the church is called to be united, set apart, global and sent. He also unpacked three primary forms of corporate church governance: Episcopal, Presbyterian and Congregational.