

*The state of Christians. The Antichristian state.*

*Apostles. Prophets. Euang. Pastors. Teach. &c.*

*Popish Commis. Legates. Bishops &c.*

52 Who haue their feuerall charge ouer many churches?

Apostles had charge ouer many churches.

Likewise Prophetes, which had their reuelations or visions.

Likewise helpers vnto these, as Euangelistes, and companions of their iourneys.

High popishe Commissioners, and Legates, &c.

Archbishops, and Bishops, &c.

Also helpers vnto these, as Chauncelours, Commislares, Sumners, &c. rousing and wandring Ministers.

53 Who haue their feuerall charge in one Church onely, to teache and guide the same?

The Pastour, or he which hath the gift of exhorting, and applying especially.

The Teacher, or he which hath the gift of teaching especially: and lesse gift of exhorting and applying.

They which helpe vnto them both in ouerseeing and counsailling, as the most forward or Elders.

53 Who haue their false charge ouer one church onlie, to deceaue and misleade it?

Priestes, Parsons, Vicars, Curats, and the rest of that rable, which ar thrust vpon the flocke.

And helpers vnto these, as euerie Questman, and the Clarks, and Readers, and Singers, &c.

54 Who haue office of cherishing and releewing the afflicted and poore?

The Releewers or Deacons, which are to gather and bestowe the church liberallie.

The Widowes, which are to praye for the church, with attendaunce to the sicke and afflicted thereof.

54 Who be for the kitchen, and for feeding the bellie?

They haue their ciuil collections popishlie established.

Also, Amners, Almsmen, Beadehouses, Mourners, Stewards, Cookes with all that rable.

*Definitions.*

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*Apostles. Prophets. Euang. Pastors. Teachers. Elders. &c.*

52 An Apostle is a person hauing office and message from God, for the which he is meete, vnto all persons and churches, to shewe them their state of damnatio for some notable vnto or wickednes, and to vse the obedience of all persons and churches which receyue him, to plante, reforme, and set order for auoyding that damnation.

A Prophet is a person hauing office and message from God, for the which hee is meete, to foretell of plagues or of blessings: which GOD hath shewed to the Prophet, & to vse the obedience of all which receiue him, to plante, reforme, and set order for the auoyding of the plagues, and the obtayning of the blessings.

Euangelistes are persons hauing office & message of God, for the which they are tried to be meete and thereto are chosen where the church is plantid, or receiued by obedience, wher they plant the church, to helpe the Apostles or Prophetes, either by preparing a way for them to do the more good, or by holding that way & course which the Apostles and Prophetes appointe vnto them.

53 A Pastor is a person hauing office and message of God, for exhorting & mouing especially, and guiding accordinglie: for the which he is tried to be meete, & thereto is duellie chosen by the church which calleth him, or receyued by obedience wher he planteth the Church.

A Teacher of doctrine is a person hauing office and message of God, for teaching especially and guiding accordinglie, with lesse gite to exhorte and applie, for the which he is tried to be meete, and thereto is duellie chosen by the church which calleth him, or receyued by obedience, wher he planteth the church.

An Elder or more forward in gite, is a person hauing office and message of God, for ouer-sight and counsaile, and redressing things amisse, for the which he is tried, &c.

54 The Releewer is a person hauing office of God to prouide, gather & bestowe the giftes and liberalitie of the church, as there is need: to the which office he is tried and receyued as meete.

The Widowe is a person hauing office of god to praye for the church, & to visit and minister to those which are afflicted & distressed in the church, for the which she is tried and receyued as meete.

