

The Office of the Keys vis a vis Congregational and Synodical Polity (Governance)

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....from last time (*adiaphora*)

5. Use of liturgy/contemporary worship (why do we do it; why change it?).
6. Sign of the cross; candles in (daytime) worship; kneeling for confession; reciting the creed.
7. Rejection of receiving the bread with the hand; of using red communion wine.
8. Rejection of the common cup.

I. C. The Status of the believers w/r/t Christ and the holy things of God.

Mt. 23.8-12 (KJV) But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

John 10:1-5 (KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

1 Cor. 3.21-23 (KJV) Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

What does the pastor have that the members do not? Is one saved by being a servant (pastor) or a child of God? Who's the child; who's the servant?